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"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7



SCRIPTURES ON REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE IN MARRIAGE

- Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. Ephesians 5:22
- Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.
 Ephesians 5:24
- Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Ephesians 5:25-27
- In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:28
- Wives, in the same way, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 1 Peter 3:1-2
- Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. 1 Peter 3:7
- The wisest of women builds her house, but folly with her own hands tears it down. Proverbs 14:1

SCRIPTURES ON LOVING ONE ANOTHER WITH GOD'S LOVE

- Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10
- Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2
- If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:3-5
- Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2
- Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

SCRIPTURES ON INTIMACY

- Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth— for your love is more delightful than wine. Song of Songs 1:2
- Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires. Song of Songs 2:7
- Your lips are like a scarlet ribbon; your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil are like the halves of a pomegranate. Song of Songs 4:3
- How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much more pleasing is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your perfume more than any spice! Song of Songs 4:10
- Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

SCRIPTURES ON FORGIVENESS

- For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14
- Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7
- Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you Ephesians 4:32
- For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13
- Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:13
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

SCRIPTURES ON ENCOURAGING YOUR SPOUSE

- Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:4-5
- Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11
- My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
 Colossians 2:2-3
- But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13

SCRIPTURES FOR COMMUNICATION

 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.
 Ephesians 4:29

• I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge...

1 Corinthians 1:4-5

It Out... Use this space to write out your prayer or to add any specific scriptures for your marraige.



I come before you thanking you for your goodness, faithfulness, and the gift of my husband. Father, I know that marriage is your idea, and you have a vested interest in our marriage standing as a testimony of your redemptive nature, Christ's love for the

Church and her union with Him. Help my husband to accept his God-given role to lead our home as a servant of Christ. Help him to understand that he has authority in our home but is submitted to and answerable to the Lord. Help him to use that authority for the protection and building up of his wife and children, just as the Lord uses His authority over us, not as a hammer but as a good shepherd. Help us all to cooperate with him, and pray for him, and help me to respect him as my husband. Help me to be a good wife, a true helpmate; to come alongside him and be a companion, champion, co-laborer, friend, lover, and support. Remove any hardness from both of us, break down any walls between us, rid us of destructive habits, mind-sets, reactions, and language. Help us to be vulnerable with one another, protective of each other and not self-protective. Ignite your love in our heart so that our interactions are filled with patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Help us to remain one flesh, according to your design, and bring glory to your great name. Father, just as you bridged the gap between mankind and you through Jesus, I ask that you bridge the gap between me and my husband when the enemy threatens our union with hurt feelings, misunderstanding, disconnection, disagreement, and disharmony.

Father, place a hedge of protection around our marriage. Protect our hearts from temptation to fault-find and comparison. Protect our eyes from lust. Protect our ears from listening to anything that would endanger our marriage in any way. Guard our hearts in every way for out of them flow everything for our lives. Give us discernment to identify temptation and flee from it at the onset. Father, may our desire be for each other and each other only. Your words declares if we submit to you, resist the enemy, he must flee from us. Father, I pray we would each submit our lives to you, intentionally seeking to honor you by honoring each other. I agree with your word that we are not ignorant concerning the schemes of the enemy and we are diligent to immediately close every opening he tries to take advantage of and resist every attempt he makes to separate what you have joined. Reveal my husband's needs to me and my needs to him. Where we are unable to discern, help us to communicate our needs to one another, and help the other to receive the communication with thanksgiving. Give us the wherewithal to meet each other's needs and grace when needs go unmet for a season. Thank you for your word and your Holy Spirit governing our mind and actions, therefore our marriage is filled with life and peace.

Father, your word says love covers a multitude of faults, help us to be merciful and loving towards one another, accepting responsibility for and repenting of our own selfishness, and readily forgiving one another. Father, raise up trusted people to mentor us and teach us your truths. Help us to humble ourselves to receive your words of truth. We thank you that you give your grace to the humble; your immeasurable ability is accomplishing in and through us what we cannot on our own. Thank you for strengthening us to glorify you through our marriage.

Help us to be devoted to one another in love and honor each other above ourselves. Thank you for your faithfulness to our marriage. All glory be to God. I ask this in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.