

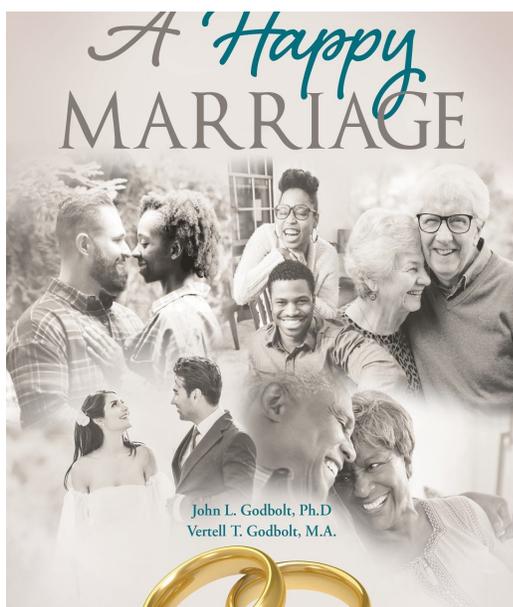
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Grow Your Marriage

The “PiM” Love Journey

You can move your marriage from a 1 in 3 chance of divorce to a 1 in 400 chance of divorce by doing these three (3) things:



1. Pray Together

*“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

The six elements of prayer are:

P = Praise God for His wonderful works through Jesus Christ.

R = Repent for your sins, shortcomings, and unbelief.

A = Acknowledge His sovereignty over all and your need for His help.

Y = Yield your will to His Will.

E = Entreat the Lord by laying out your petition before Him.

R = Reverence Him as you close your prayer.

2. Read the Bible Together

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

There are four basic reasons for reading the Word of God together. They are:

R = Relevancy - There should be a connection between what you are reading in God’s Word and what you are experiencing in your personal life.

E = Enjoyment - Whether your situation may be pressing or just a matter of interest in the Bible, you should seek to enjoy the wonders of God.

A = Adventurous - Read and expect to experience a time of amazement in the Word as you discuss your understanding and viewpoints.

D = Development - God’s Word, mixed with faith, transforms lives.

3. Attend Church Together

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. I Corinthians 12: 28

Joining a local church is a privilege, blessing and a responsibility. Not only are you joining to learn from others, you are joining to serve others. You must choose carefully because not all assemblies carry the mantle to grow disciples for Christ. Here are some characteristics of a well-rounded local church:

C = Covenant - Make sure that there is a mission statement, teachings and public demonstrations in the leadership of people following God's promises, as revealed in the scriptures of God's agreement to protect those who obey His commandments.

H = Holy Bible - All practices, behaviors and policies are biblically based and of sound doctrine.

U = Unity - There should be cohesiveness between leaders and the congregation. This is a general statement and not specific to all in attendance in a particular church.

R = Reverence - There should be a deep level of respect for God, His Word, His House, as well as the leadership in the local church body.

C = Community Minded - There should be outreach ministries with opportunities to grow the community and assist the less fortunate.

H = Helps Ministries - Helps ministries are ways by which members can serve the leadership of the church, visitors, homeless, orphans, the elderly, etc.