

MARRIAGE GOD'S WAY - CLASS ONE

I. Creating a God honoring, loving marriage, is not an easy thing to do.

Because...

- A. Two people who are self-centered sinners marry each other.
- B. We live in a sin filled world.

C. Men and women were created by God not as clones of each other but as complements of one another, so we have a hard time understanding one another. And that leads to many challenges...

HUSBANDS AND WIVES CAN'T UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER

II. UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES OF MEN AND WOMEN

A. STORYBOOK EXPECTATIONS AND LIMITED TRAINING

B. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN

- 1. PHYSICAL
- 2. SEXUAL
- 3. SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES
- 4. THINKING PROCESS

III. THE CONSEQUENCES OF MALE AND FEMALE DIFFERENCES

A. THE NEED FOR SPECIAL SKILLS

B. PRAGMATIC MEN

C. WOMEN WHO 'ENJOY THE RIDE'

IV. HEALING THE HURT DIFFERENCES CAN PRODUCE

A. HUSBANDS NEED TO TAKE THE LEAD

B. DRAINING AWAY OFFENSE

- 1. FIND OUT HOW YOU HAVE OFFENDED
- 2. ADMIT THAT YOU'VE HELPED WEAKEN THE MARRIAGE
- 3. EXPRESS GENUINE SORROW
- 4. SEEK FORGIVENESS
- 5. BEGIN EFFORTS TO CORRECT OFFENSIVE WORDS OR ACTIONS

V. LEARNING TO COMMUNICATE

A. STUDYING 'WOMANESE'

B. THE REVOLVING METHOD OF COMMUNICATION

C. STUDYING 'MANESE'

D. HOW TO EXPRESS DISPLEASURE

E. BECOMING A GOOD LISTENER