



Choosing Peace Over Pride in Marriage



Explore how to prioritize peace and unity in marriage by laying down pride and embracing Christ's love and wisdom.

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Introduction

Marriage is a sacred bond designed by God to mirror His love and unity. Yet, the daily journey of marriage often challenges couples with moments of conflict and disagreement. In these moments, the natural temptation is to assert our own way, to protect our pride, or insist on being right. However, God calls us to a higher path—*choosing peace over pride*.

Choosing peace does not mean ignoring true issues or suppressing feelings. Instead, it is a deliberate decision to prioritize love, understanding, and unity above personal ego or the desire to win an argument. This path demands humility, patience, and surrender to Christ's example of selfless love.

Throughout this 3-day study, we will delve into Scripture that encourages us to lay down the need to be right and instead pursue reconciliation and harmony. We will reflect on practical ways to embody Christ's love in our marriages, transforming conflict into growth and drawing closer to each other and God.

As you journey through this study, may you experience the peace that surpasses all understanding and witness the transformation of your marriage into a testimony of God's grace and unity. **Let us embrace the humble strength found in choosing peace over pride.** ✨





Day 1: 🕊 Embracing Humility in Marriage



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Your Verse

Philippians 2:3-4 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 4:2 - "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."*
- *Proverbs 3:5 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;"*



Devotional: Humility: The Pathway to Peace

Humility is the foundation of peace in any relationship, especially in marriage. It means lowering ourselves and setting aside our ego to consider our spouse's needs and feelings. In Philippians 2:3-4, Paul encourages believers to do nothing out of selfish ambition or pride but to value others above themselves. This is not a call to weakness but a demonstration of strength through love.

When conflict arises, our first instinct might be to protect our pride or prove we are right. However, humility invites us to pause and ask, "How can I serve my spouse better? What are their struggles?" Embracing this mindset lets God's peace infiltrate our hearts and homes.

Remember, humility is not about losing but about gaining a deeper, stronger connection through love and understanding. By trusting God's wisdom over our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5), we open the door to true unity and reconciliation.



Reflect and Apply

1. In what areas of your marriage do you struggle to choose humility over pride?

2. How can you value your spouse's perspective more deeply in disagreements?

3. What steps can you take to trust God's understanding rather than your own?



Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a recent conflict where pride influenced your reactions.

2. List ways you can practice humility daily in your marriage.

3. Write a prayer asking God to soften your heart towards your spouse.



Day 1: 🕊 Embracing Humility in Marriage

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, help me lay down my pride and embrace humility in my marriage. Teach me to value my spouse's feelings above my own desires. Fill my heart with patience and understanding so that peace may reign. Guide us both towards unity through Your love and grace. *Thank You for Your unfailing wisdom and peace that surpasses all understanding.*





Day 2: 💕 Choosing Love Over Being Right



Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Colossians 3:14 - "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*
- *Romans 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."*



Day 2: ❤️ Choosing Love Over Being Right

Devotional: Love Triumphs Over Pride

Love is the ultimate choice in marriage, especially when we face disagreement. The desire to be right can often overshadow the joy of unity and the depth of love God desires for us. Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that love is patient and kind — qualities that do not rush to defend pride or insist on winning.

Choosing love means intentionally prioritizing your spouse's well-being over the need to prove a point. *It's about protecting your relationship, trusting God's guidance, and persevering through challenges together.*

As Colossians 3:14 teaches, love binds everything in perfect unity. When we put love first, we lay a solid foundation that can weather storms and build harmony. Romans 12:18 encourages us to live at peace as far as it depends on us, showing that peace is a personal responsibility and a gift to your spouse.

Let love lead your actions even when your heart wants to defend your pride.



Reflect and Apply

1. How have you seen pride derail peace in your marriage?

2. What does it practically look like to choose love instead of winning an argument?

3. In what ways can you foster patience and kindness during conflict?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a moment when love helped you overcome a disagreement.

2. Write about habits you want to develop that reflect 1 Corinthians 13 love.

3. Jot down a commitment to choose peace as far as it depends on you.



Day 2: ❤️ Choosing Love Over Being Right

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, teach me to love as You love—patiently, kindly, and without pride. Help me to lay down the need to be right, so I can guard the unity in my marriage. Fill my heart with patience and perseverance, and guide me to be a peacemaker in every situation. May Your perfect love shine through me, binding us together in harmony and grace.





Day 3: Pursuing Unity Through Christ



Your Verse

Ephesians 4:2-3 - "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Supporting Scriptures

- *John 17:21 - "That all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."*
- *Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*



Devotional: Unity: The Fruit of Peace and Humility

Unity in marriage is a gift and a goal that requires intentional effort. Ephesians 4:2–3 encourages believers to be humble, gentle, and patient, bearing with one another in love, and to actively make every effort to maintain the Spirit’s unity through peace.

Choosing peace over pride is an expression of this effort. It means seeking reconciliation, extending forgiveness, and walking alongside your spouse with grace. Jesus prayed fervently for His followers to be one as He and the Father are one (John 17:21), revealing the divine ideal of unity founded on love and intimacy.

As children of God, we are called to be peacemakers, reflecting His heart and character in our marriages. When pride fights for the upper hand, peace invites us to surrender and pursue that sacred bond that unites us.

By submitting to Christ’s example and power, your marriage can become a testimony of God’s perfect peace and unity.



Reflect and Apply

1. What practical steps can you take to 'make every effort' to keep unity in your marriage?

2. How does seeing Jesus as the ultimate peacemaker inspire your approach to conflict?

3. In what ways can humility and gentleness transform your daily interactions?



Journaling Prompts

1. List specific ways you can be a peacemaker in your marriage this week.

2. Write a letter to your spouse expressing your desire for unity and peace.

3. Reflect on how God has worked in your marriage and write about His faithfulness.



Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, You are the ultimate peacemaker and the source of true unity. Help me to mirror Your humility, gentleness, and patience in my marriage. Empower me to make every effort to maintain the bond of peace through the Spirit. May our marriage reflect Your love and bring glory to Your name. Guide us to walk together in harmony, embracing peace over pride daily.





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