Delighting in Each Other: Seeing Marriage as God's Gift



Explore how to see your spouse through God's eyes and rediscover awe, gratitude, and joy in your marriage over this 7-day study.





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Introduction

Marriage is a sacred relationship designed by God, meant to reflect His love, grace, and faithfulness. More than a partnership, it is a divine gift that calls us to cherish and delight in our spouse as an extension of God's own heart. When we learn to see our spouse through God's eyes, we begin to appreciate the unique blessing they are, leading to renewed awe and gratitude.

In this 7-day study, we will journey through Scriptures that reveal God's design for marriage, with a focus on **delighting in one another**—recognizing the beauty, strength, and grace that each person brings into the covenant. We will reflect on how the character of God is mirrored in our interaction, compassion, and mutual respect.

Each day, you will encounter the Word of God in a fresh and inspiring way, supported by prayer, reflection, and journaling. Whether your marriage is thriving or facing challenges, this study invites you to rediscover the wonder in your spouse through a God-centered lens.

Let's embrace marriage as a divine gift, rejoicing in the joys and learning through the trials, all while nurturing awe and gratitude that draw you closer—not only to each other but to God, who is the source of your love.

















Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NIV: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor... a cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Supporting Scriptures

- Genesis 2:18 NIV: "The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
- Mark 10:9 NIV: "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."







Devotional: Recognizing Marriage as God's Intended Blessing

Marriage is a divine partnership. From the beginning, God designed marriage as a sacred union where two become one, supported and strengthened by His presence. Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 highlights the blessing and strength found in togetherness, emphasizing that marriage is not only about companionship but about mutual support through life's challenges.

Seeing your spouse as God's gift means recognizing that their presence in your life was orchestrated by Him. This awareness encourages gratitude and a deepening of affection, even when circumstances are difficult. Contemplate how God's handiwork is evident in your spouse's qualities and role in your life.

As you reflect today, consider the strength and blessing your marriage offers. Remember the divine purpose behind your union and trust in God's sustaining power for your relationship.







Reflect and Apply

1. I	n what ways have you experienced your marriage as a gift from God?
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	How does viewing your spouse as a divine gift change your daily nteractions?
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	What challenges threaten the strength of your union, and how can God's presence reinforce it?
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Journaling Prompts

	List at least three qualities in your spouse that you believe God gifted them with.
2.	Write about a moment when you felt thankful for your marriage.
3.	Reflect on an area where you can better support your spouse as a partner.







Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for the precious gift of marriage. Help me to see my spouse through Your eyes—as a blessing and partner in this journey. Strengthen our bond with Your love and guidance. Teach me to appreciate and nurture this divine relationship. May we honor You in how we love and support one another. *Amen.* \bigwedge















Your Verse

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 NIV: "Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Supporting Scriptures

- Ephesians 5:25 NIV: "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."
- Colossians 3:14 NIV: "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."







Devotional: Embodying God's Unconditional Love Together

Love is the heartbeat of marriage. Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13 provides a powerful blueprint for how spouses can delight in one another by embodying patience, kindness, and perseverance. Seeing your spouse through God's eyes means embracing the same love God shows us—unconditional and sacrificial.

Christ's selfless love for the church calls husbands and wives alike to nurture grace within the marriage. When love binds us, differences become opportunities for growth rather than sources of conflict. This kind of love protects the relationship, hopes continually, and trusts against all odds.

Today, meditate on how you can mirror God's love to your spouse in concrete ways that deepen connection and spark joy. Let love be your response in every interaction.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Paul's description of love challenge your behavior in marriage?
2.	In what ways has your spouse shown you God-like love?
3.	What practical steps can you take to display patience and kindness today?







Journaling Prompts

	Describe a recent example where love helped you overcome a marital challenge.
2.	Write how you can imitate Christ's love in your marriage.
3.	List actions you can take to build unity through love this week.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for teaching me the true meaning of love through Your Word. Help me to be patient, kind, and selfless in my marriage. Teach me to love my spouse as You love us—fully and sacrificially. Open my heart to reflect Your love daily and restore joy in our relationship. *Amen.* \heartsuit \bigwedge

















Your Verse

Ephesians 4:32 NIV: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Supporting Scriptures

- Colossians 3:13 NIV: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."
- Matthew 6:14–15 NIV: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."







Devotional: Choosing Forgiveness for Healing and Grace

Marriage thrives in an atmosphere of grace and forgiveness. Holding onto offenses or allowing bitterness to grow can erode even the strongest bonds. Ephesians 4:32 reminds us that forgiveness is not optional but a command rooted in Christ's example.

When you choose to forgive your spouse, you open the door to healing and deeper intimacy. Forgiveness doesn't mean ignoring hurt but releasing the power it holds over your relationship, reflecting God's mercy. This divine grace allows couples to move beyond pain toward renewed trust and joy.

Consider the areas where forgiveness is needed in your marriage. Invite God's Spirit to help you let go and embrace restoration, delighting anew in your spouse as a cherished gift.







Reflect and Apply

	Is there any unresolved hurt or offense in your marriage needing forgiveness?
	How can forgiveness bring freedom and growth within your relationship?
	What does God's forgiveness teach you about extending grace to your spouse?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time you experienced forgiveness in your marriage.
2.	List ways you can practice kindness and compassion instead of judgment.
3.	Reflect on how forgiveness has impacted your view of your spouse.







Prayer for Today

Merciful God, teach me to forgive as You forgive—fully and freely. Help me to release any bitterness or resentment hardening my heart toward my spouse. Restore peace, heal wounds, and renew our love through Your grace. Let forgiveness be the path to our healing and joy. *Amen.* \heartsuit \heartsuit

















Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV: "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:2 NIV: "Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind."
- Romans 12:5 NIV: "So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."







Devotional: Building a Strong, God-Centered Partnership

Unity requires intentional growth and cooperation. Ecclesiastes reminds us that partnership strengthened by God is resilient and victorious. Growing together means aligning hearts and minds in love, understanding, and purpose.

Philippians challenges married couples to cultivate like-mindedness and unity in spirit, even amid differences. This doesn't call for uniformity but harmony, where individual strengths complement each other under God's guidance.

By inviting God as the third strand in your marriage, you fortify your union beyond natural ability. Reflect on how you and your spouse can grow closer by practicing empathy, communication, and shared faith, discovering joy in the journey together.







Reflect and Apply

	In what ways can you and your spouse grow more united in heart and purpose?
2.	How does inviting God into your marriage strengthen your relationship?
3.	What spiritual habits can you develop together to nurture unity?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Identify habits that build or hinder unity in your marriage.
2.	Write a prayer committing your marriage to God's guidance.
3.	List activities or discussions that could deepen your connection with your spouse.







Prayer for Today

Lord of Unity, thank You for being the third strand that strengthens our marriage. Help us to grow in unity and love, to be like-minded and supportive partners. May we cherish and respect one another as we walk together, anchored in You. Guide us in building a marriage that honors Your name. *Amen.*















Your Verse

Proverbs 31:10 NIV: "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies."

Supporting Scriptures

- Song of Solomon 4:7 NIV: "You are altogether beautiful, my darling; there is no flaw in you."
- 1 Peter 3:7 NIV: "Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner."







Devotional: Celebrating the Priceless Value of Your Spouse

God's gift in your spouse is invaluable. Proverbs 31 paints a picture of worth far beyond material things—a spouse full of noble character, beauty, and strength. When we deliberately appreciate our spouse, we reveal gratitude that nurtures delight and honor.

Song of Solomon reminds us of the unique beauty God sees in each partner, free from flaw in His eyes. This divine perspective can transform how we view imperfections and strengths alike, cultivating awe.

1 Peter exhorts husbands, and by extension wives, to treat one another with understanding and respect. Appreciation is expressed not only in words but in how we honor our spouse's dignity and worth daily.

Take time today to reflect on the precious gifts your spouse embodies and rejoice in the blessing God has given you.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you express appreciation for your spouse's unique qualities?
2.	What prevents you from recognizing your spouse's true worth?
3.	How does seeing your spouse as God's priceless gift shape your attitude?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List five qualities in your spouse that you deeply appreciate.
2.	Write a note of gratitude to your spouse acknowledging their God-given worth.
3.	Reflect on how you can show greater respect and honor in everyday life.







Prayer for Today

Father, thank You for the precious gift of my spouse. Help me to see and celebrate their worth as You do. Teach me to respect and honor them daily, reflecting Your love through my words and actions. May gratitude fill my heart and overflow into our marriage with joy. *Amen.* To the precious gift of my spouse. Help me to see and celebrate their worth as You do. Teach me to respect and honor them daily, reflecting Your love through my words and actions. May gratitude fill my

















Day 6: Serving Each Other in Love

Your Verse

Galatians 5:13 NIV: "Serve one another humbly in love."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 13:14–15 NIV: "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."
- Philippians 2:3 NIV: "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."







Day 6: Serving Each Other in Love

Devotional: Humbling Yourself to Serve with Joy

Serving one another is a profound way to delight in your spouse. Galatians 5:13 calls us to humble love through service. Jesus modeled ultimate humility by serving His disciples, teaching us that love is action—selfless, sacrificial, and tender.

When marriage becomes a place where both spouses seek to serve rather than be served, it transforms conflict and fosters joy. Valuing your spouse above yourself means actively looking for ways to meet their needs, encourage, and lift their spirits.

Reflect on what serving your spouse looks like this week. Consider how humility and love can deepen your connection, reminding you both that marriage is a gift meant to be celebrated through daily acts of kindness.







Day 6: Berving Each Other in Love

Reflect and Apply

1.	How can serving your spouse renew your love and gratitude for them?
2.	What areas of humility or selfishness might you need to surrender today?
3.	How does Jesus' example inspire your role in marriage?







Day 6: Berving Each Other in Love

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write down practical ways you can serve your spouse this week.
2.	Reflect on a time when serving your spouse brought you joy.
3.	Identify any barriers you feel to serving selflessly and pray about them.







Day 6: Serving Each Other in Love

Prayer for Today

Jesus, thank You for teaching me the power of humble service. Help me to love my spouse by putting their needs before my own. Transform my heart to serve with joy and sincerity, reflecting Your grace in our marriage. Strengthen us both through acts of loving service. *Amen.* \bigcirc















Your Verse

Psalm 118:24 NIV: "This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 4:4 NIV: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
- 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."







Devotional: Choosing Joy and Gratitude Every Day

A marriage filled with awe and gratitude is a vibrant, joyful one. Psalm 118:24 reminds us to rejoice in the gift of today—the very day God has made for us to celebrate life and love. Gratitude shifts our focus from flaws or frustrations to the blessing and beauty surrounding us.

Philippians and Thessalonians encourage believers to cultivate joy and thanksgiving continually. When you choose to rejoice together, your marriage becomes a reflection of God's enduring goodness and faithfulness.

Today, intentionally renew your sense of awe for your spouse and gratitude for your shared journey. Celebrate the small moments and big milestones, remembering that your marriage is a precious gift meant to be lived with joy.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How can daily gratitude improve your marriage?
2.	What aspects of your spouse or relationship fill you with awe?
3.	In what ways can you cultivate joy together despite challenges?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a gratitude list focused on your spouse and marriage.
2.	Recall a joyful memory with your spouse that made you feel awe.
3.	Plan a simple celebration or activity to honor your relationship.







Prayer for Today

Gracious God, fill my heart with joy and thankfulness for the gift of marriage. Help me to see my spouse through Your eyes, full of wonder and gratitude. May we rejoice in every day You give us together, cherishing this relationship as a precious blessing. *Amen.* > \(\&\)







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