



Marriage: Preparing for the Future with Faith



A seven-day study guiding couples to build a faith-filled foundation, embracing trust, prayer, and biblical stewardship for their future together.



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Introduction

Marriage is a sacred covenant designed by God to reflect His love, commitment, and faithfulness. As couples look ahead, *preparing for the future* is vital—not just with practical plans but with a spiritual foundation rooted in Scripture. This study invites you to journey through seven days of divine wisdom, encouraging prayerful discernment and trust in God's guidance as you navigate the years ahead together.

Through each day's reflection, you will engage with key biblical principles that emphasize stewardship—not only of finances but of your marriage, hearts, and dreams. Learning to lean on God shapes how couples face challenges, celebrate joys, and grow in unity.

Whether newlyweds, engaged, or married for years, this study aims to strengthen your relationship with Christ and each other. Faith is the cornerstone of lasting marriage, and with prayerful hearts, you can embrace the journey ahead with peace, confidence, and hope.

Let these moments of daily devotion draw you closer to God and your spouse as you plan a future not just built on human efforts, but on divine wisdom, grace, and love. *Together, let's prepare your marriage for a fruitful and faithful future.* 🕊️ 🙏





Day 1: 🧑❤️🧑 Foundations of Faith and Love



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Your Verse

Ephesians 5:25 - "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Colossians 3:14 - "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*
- *1 Corinthians 13:4-5 - "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."*



Day 1: 🧡 Foundations of Faith and Love

Devotional: Christ's Love: The Cornerstone of Marriage

The foundation of a strong marriage begins with love modeled on Christ's love for the church. This love is sacrificial, patient, and kind. As you prepare for your future together, it is essential to root your relationship in this divine love—not just emotions or convenience.

Faith fuels love: it calls you both to serve and to give wholeheartedly to each other, reflecting God's heart. This kind of love endures seasons of change and challenges because it trusts God's unchanging nature.

Today, reflect on what Christ's sacrificial love means for your marriage. How can you nurture this love daily? Begin your preparation by inviting God to shape your hearts and guide your steps in love and faith.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does Christ's example of love shape your view of marriage?

2. In what ways can you cultivate patience and kindness in your relationship?

3. What areas in your marriage need more sacrificial love and faithfulness?



Day 1: 🧡 Foundations of Faith and Love

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you experienced sacrificial love.

2. List ways you can show Christ-like love to your partner daily.

3. Describe what it means to build your marriage foundation on faith.



Day 1: 🧑🧑 Foundations of Faith and Love

Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the perfect love You show us through Christ. Help us to embrace that love in our marriage as the foundation for everything we build together. Teach us patience, kindness, and sacrificial care. May our hearts be united in faith and love for many years to come. Guide us as we prepare for our future, trusting Your wisdom and grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ❤️ 🙏 📖





Day 2: 🙏 Trusting God's Plan Together



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Your Verse

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*
- *Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this."*



Day 2: 🙏 Trusting God's Plan Together

Devotional: Letting Go: Trusting God's Better Plan

Planning a future as a couple requires trust—not only in each other but **ultimately in God's sovereignty**. Life will present uncertainties, and our own understanding is limited. This Scripture encourages us to rely fully on the Lord and submit our plans to Him. His purposes are perfect, full of hope, and designed for our good.

When both partners surrender their fears, desires, and plans to God together, they invite His guidance into the marriage. Trust becomes a shared experience, growing deeper as you lean on Him for direction.

Today, reflect on areas where you may be tempted to rely on your own understanding. How can you surrender the future in prayer? Trusting God's plan frees you from anxiety and grounds your marriage in peace.



Day 2: 🙏 Trusting God's Plan Together

Reflect and Apply

1. Where do you find it hardest to trust God in your marriage plans?

2. How can you and your spouse support each other in faith-filled trust?

3. What steps can you take today to submit your plans to the Lord?



Day 2: 🙏 Trusting God's Plan Together

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time God led you when plans seemed uncertain.

2. List areas of your future you want to surrender to God fully.

3. Describe how trust in God could change your outlook on marriage.



Day 2: 🙏 Trusting God's Plan Together

Prayer for Today

Dear Father, help us to trust You fully as we prepare our future together. Teach us to surrender our plans and lean not on our own understanding. Guide our paths and lead our hearts in unity. Strengthen our faith when uncertainty looms and remind us Your plans for us are good and hopeful. *In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.* 🙏👉📖





Day 3: 💡 Wisdom in Decision Making



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Your Verse

James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 16:3 - "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans."*
- *Psalms 32:8 - "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."*



Day 3: 💡 Wisdom in Decision Making

Devotional: Seeking God's Wisdom in Every Choice

Marriage involves countless decisions, big and small. From managing finances to family plans and daily routines, seeking God's wisdom is essential. Scripture reminds us that God generously provides wisdom when we ask with sincere hearts.

Wisdom is more than knowledge; it is the ability to hear God's voice and apply His truth in practical ways. When couples pray together and reflect on God's guidance, they build a marriage aligned with His purposes.

Today's encouragement is to pause before decisions. Ask God for wisdom openly and commit your plans to Him. Trust that He will direct your paths and counsel you with love as you prepare your future.



Day 3: 💡 Wisdom in Decision Making

Reflect and Apply

1. How do you and your spouse currently seek God's guidance in decisions?

2. What decisions are coming up that require prayerful discernment?

3. How can you cultivate a habit of asking God for wisdom daily?



Day 3: 💡 Wisdom in Decision Making

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a decision where God led you clearly by His wisdom.

2. List practical ways to seek God's guidance together as a couple.

3. Reflect on how trusting God's wisdom has impacted your relationship.



Day 3: 💡 Wisdom in Decision Making

Prayer for Today

Gracious Lord, we ask for Your wisdom as we navigate plans and decisions together. Help us to listen closely to Your voice and to commit each step to You. Teach us to trust in Your loving counsel and to grow in unity through seeking You. Guide our hearts and minds with clarity and peace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 📖 🙏 💡





Day 4: Growing Together in Prayer



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Your Verse

Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually."*



Day 4:  Growing Together in Prayer

Devotional: Embracing Prayer as a Marriage Practice

Prayer is a powerful practice that binds couples together and connects you to God. Jesus promises His presence when two gather in His name. This truth empowers couples to approach prayer with confidence and humility.

Making prayer a regular part of your marriage nurtures spiritual intimacy and opens doors for God to work in your lives. It strengthens your bond, aligns your desires, and cultivates peace as you face future uncertainties.

Today, commit to growing in prayer together. Whether brief or lengthy, silent or spoken, prayer invites God's guidance and affirms your dependence on Him. Let your faith deepen as you pray for each other and your shared future.



Day 4:  Growing Together in Prayer

Reflect and Apply

1. How often do you pray together, and how could that change?

2. What fears or hopes could you bring before God in prayer today?

3. How does shared prayer impact your relationship?

4. What prevents you from praying more openly as a couple?





Day 4:  Growing Together in Prayer

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a memorable time God answered your prayers together.




2. List prayer requests you want to support your marriage and future.

3. Describe how praying together can change your outlook on challenges.



Day 4:  Growing Together in Prayer

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for being present when we gather in Your name. Teach us to pray continually as partners and friends, inviting You into every part of our marriage. Help us to share our hearts honestly with You and each other, trusting Your peace and provision. May prayer be our strength and guide through all seasons. *Amen.*   





Day 5: 💰 Stewardship in Marriage



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Your Verse

Luke 16:11 – "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 21:20 – "The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down."*
- *Malachi 3:10 – "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing."*



Day 5: 💰 Stewardship in Marriage

Devotional: Faithful Stewardship Strengthens Your Future

Financial stewardship is a critical part of marital faithfulness. How couples manage resources reflects their trustworthiness and wisdom before God. Responsible stewardship honors God and prepares your family for the future.

Marriage is a partnership where money decisions impact many areas of life. This requires transparency, communication, and shared goals grounded in biblical principles.

Today, consider how you can grow in stewardship together. Are you honoring God with your resources? How can budgeting, saving, and generosity shape your future and reflect your trust in God's provision?



Day 5: 💰 Stewardship in Marriage

Reflect and Apply

1. How do your current financial choices reflect your faith in God?

2. What changes might improve your stewardship as a couple?

3. How can generosity become a regular part of your marriage?



Day 5: 💰 Stewardship in Marriage

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about your hopes and fears regarding finances as a couple.

2. List biblical principles that guide your approach to money.

3. Describe a financial goal you want to pursue together prayerfully.



Day 5: 💰 Stewardship in Marriage

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, teach us to be faithful stewards of all You provide. Help us manage our resources with wisdom and integrity, trusting Your provision for our future. Unite us in generosity and careful planning, so our marriage honors You and prospers in every way. May we remember that true riches come from You alone. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 💰 🙏 📖





Day 6: Handling Conflict with Grace



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

- *James 1:19 - "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."*
- *Matthew 5:9 - "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."*



Devotional: Grace and Patience in Conflict Resolution

Conflict is inevitable in any relationship, but it can become an opportunity for growth when handled with grace. The Bible urges humility, gentleness, and patience, qualities that preserve unity and peace within marriage.

Holding onto love during disagreements requires intentional effort—listening before responding, seeking reconciliation, and embodying the Spirit’s fruit.

Today, reflect on methods to practice grace-filled communication. Pray for hearts that prioritize peace and humility. Preparing for the future includes building skills to manage conflict constructively and lovingly.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you typically respond during conflict, and how might that improve?

2. What does it mean to be a peacemaker in your marriage?

3. How can humility shape your disagreements and strengthen your bond?



Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a conflict you handled well—what helped you respond with grace?

2. Identify areas where patience could change your conflict patterns.

3. Write a prayer asking God to help you be a peacemaker in marriage.



Day 6: 🕊️ Handling Conflict with Grace

Prayer for Today

Lord, grant us humility, patience, and gentleness in all our interactions, especially during conflicts. Teach us to listen deeply and respond with love. Help us be peacemakers, preserving unity by Your Spirit. May every disagreement draw us closer in understanding and grace. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🕊️ 🙏 ❤️





Day 7: ✨ Hope and Joy for the Journey Ahead



Your Verse

Romans 15:13 – "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 127:1 – "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain."*
- *Isaiah 40:31 – "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength."*



Day 7: ✨ Hope and Joy for the Journey Ahead

Devotional: Living with Hope and Joy in Marriage

As you conclude this study, embrace the hope and joy found in trusting God together. A marriage built on faith thrives because it relies not on human strength, but on God's power and presence.

Hope fuels perseverance and joy fills daily life when God is at the center. It transforms the ordinary into a sacred journey, uniting you both in purpose and celebration.

Looking forward with eyes fixed on Christ, you can prepare your future with confidence, knowing He will renew your strength and bless your union beyond measure.

Rejoice in this hope and let it guide your marriage for many years.



Reflect and Apply

1. How does placing hope in God affect your outlook on marriage's future?

2. What brings you joy in your relationship, even in tough times?

3. How can you nurture hope and joy together every day?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about moments of joy you've shared in your marriage or relationship.

2. List hopes and prayers you want to hold onto as you move forward.

3. Describe ways to celebrate God's blessings in everyday life with your spouse.



Day 7: ✨ Hope and Joy for the Journey Ahead

Prayer for Today

God of hope, fill us with Your joy and peace as we trust You fully. Renew our strength every day and guide our marriage with Your Spirit's power. May we overflow with hope and celebrate Your faithfulness in every season. Thank You for building our union on Your eternal love. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* ✨ 🙏





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