

1 Peter 2:23-25, 3:1,2, 7-9

²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” ²⁵ For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

¹ Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives...

⁷ Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

⁸ Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

1. The _____ of your marriage must be greater than the stress that comes upon your marriage, or it will not stand up under the pressure of life.
2. Marriage: An _____ commitment to an imperfect person.
3. You will _____ against your spouse, and your spouse will _____ against you.
4. Practice _____ if you hope to have a loving, lasting life together.
5. Repentance is not _____ about your sin. It is feeling what God feels about your sin.

“Couples don’t fall out of love so much as they fall out of repentance. – Gary Thomas, Sacred Marriage

6. When you _____, you cause the marriage to suffer.

James 5:16 Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another that you may be healed.

7. When you are _____, quickly forgiving is the right move for your health and for your marriage.

Luke 11:4 Forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

“In the shadow of my hurt, forgiveness feels like a decision to reward my enemy. In the shadow of the cross, forgiveness is simply a gift from one recipient of grace to another.” – Andy Stanley

8. Forgiving your spouse’s _____.
9. We are called respond to _____ has responded to our sin—with forgiveness—because it is a gospel issue.
10. If we don’t _____, our sin will kill our marriages.
11. _____: It’s really difficult to become bitter, resentful, and hard-hearted toward someone you are forgiving, gracing, and encouraging daily.
12. The best day of your marriage was the day _____.

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