

Introduction: Your marriage can change for the better if you...

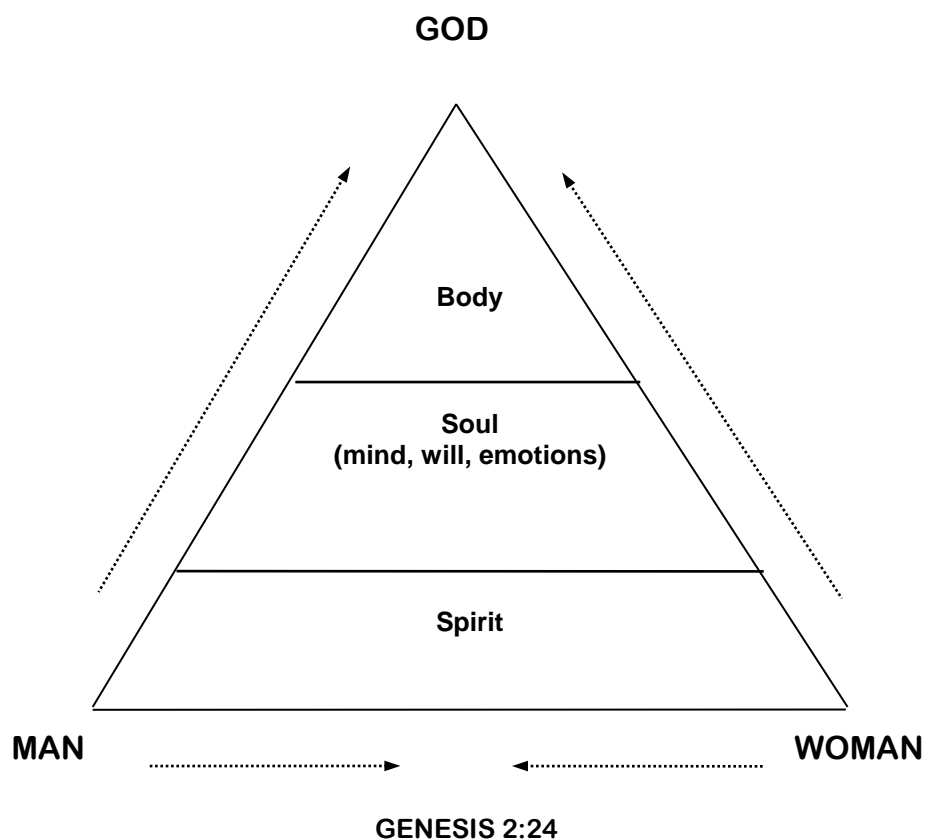
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Review:

The Picture

The Problem

The Process



The Four “C”s that Make a Great Marriage:

1. _____ – A lifelong _____ of unconditional love.

- The Model Hebrews 13:5-6
- Commitment says, “_____.”

2. _____ – A lifelong _____ of learning to understand each other.

- The Model Ephesians 4:15-16
- Communication says, “_____.”

3. _____ – An _____ of lifelong friendship, fun, and mutual fulfillment.

- The Model Matthew 11:28-30

- Caring says, “_____.”

4. _____ – A shared _____ to impact the lives of others for Christ.

- The Model Matthew 28:18-20

- Commission says, “_____.”

Important Reminder for Each Person:

Personal Time + Supportive Friends + Renewing Activities =

A “fully alive” you → Full Battery → to be a _____.

Discussion Questions:

1. What kinds of words and actions let you know that your partner is committed to you?
(i.e. praying together, setting goals, leading financially, expressing affection, etc.)
2. How will you demonstrate your commitment to your partner this week?
3. How will you demonstrate your commitment to your partner on an ongoing basis?
Set a day and time to have a conference.
4. Is there an additional way for you to encourage ongoing communication?
5. Plan a weekly activity for fun - to develop the friendship side of your relationship.
(Take turns planning the activity.)
6. Identify 3 or 4 ways you, as a couple, (and maybe your entire family) could demonstrate care and concern for others, in the name of Christ. Set a day and time to discuss how to put your service ideas into action.
7. Who or what provides support and refreshment for you personally?
8. Talk about ways to arrange your home life so each partner has time and same-sex friendships that refresh, support, and encourage.