

# Making Marriage and Family Life Work

*Philippians 2:2 (ph) Live together in harmony and love, as though you only had one mind and spirit between you.*

*Ephesians 4:3 (ncv) You are joined together with peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way.*

## CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER

*Ephesians 4:2b (tev) ...show your love by being helpful to each other.*

*Philippians 2:3-4 (nlt) Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*

### Consideration is;

- Treating family members with respect.
- Helping them in any way we can.
- Thinking about how the other person feels – taking an interest.
- Making them feel important, valued and a priority.

# ENJOY ONE ANOTHER

*Proverbs 5:19b (rsv) Let affection fill you at all times with delight...*

*Ecclesiastes 9:9a (ncv) Enjoy life with the wife you love...*

Allow romance, physical affection and fun into your marriage - enjoy each other. God intended marriage to be this way.

Enjoy family life, make it fun. Hang out together and be best of friends.

One of the greatest gifts we can give our children is a Godly, stable and happy family life.

# FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

*Ephesians 4:32 (niv) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

*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.*

*“We all agree forgiveness is a beautiful idea until we have to practice it.” - C.S. Lewis*

Jesus wants us to develop the habit of forgiveness.

# JESUS IN THE CENTRE

The Jesus in me is not going to have conflict with Jesus in you!

Our marriage and family life will thrive when Jesus is at the centre as we build our marriage and family upon His principles and values found in the Scriptures.

*John 13:34 (nlt) So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.*

## **Follow Jesus's example by;**

- Loving through our attitudes.
- Loving through our words.
- Loving through our actions.

## **Conclusion**

Thriving marriages and families do not just happen - they are intentional!

They take effort and nothing is any more rewarding than the fruit of our efforts!

**Healthy marriages and families DO matter!**