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“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” – Hebrews 13:4-5

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Most important characteristics
for a lasting marriage:

A healthy expectation
of marriage. A direct
correlation between your
level of anticipation and
your personal satisfaction.

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Most important characteristics for a lasting marriage:

1. Learn to be realistic about meeting each other's needs.

“My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ.” – Philippians 4:19

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“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” – Philippians 2:3-4

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“If you seek to save your own life, you’re going to lose it. But if you lose yourself for My sake and the gospel’s, you will find it.” – Matthew 16:25

Most important characteristics for a lasting marriage:

2. Learn to be realistic
about sexual fulfillment.

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“Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.” – 1 Cor. 7:1

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“But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.” – 1 Cor. 7:2

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“The wife’s body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband’s body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.” – 1 Cor. 7:4

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.” – 1 Cor. 6:18-20

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“Rejoice in the wife of your youth.” – Proverbs 5:18

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“Isaac took Rebecca into his mother’s tent, and she became his wife and he loved her.” – Genesis 24:67

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*“Fathers, you bring
your children up in the
instruction and training
of the Lord.”* – Ephesians 6:4

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Most important characteristics for a lasting marriage:

3. Learn to be realistic
about individual differences.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” – Ephesians 5:31

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“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.” – 1 Corinthians 12:4

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“You 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.” – Ephesians 4:2-3

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“The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have their nests. I don’t have anywhere to lay My head.” – Matthew 8:20

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