

I PROMISE

The Work of Promise Making

Genesis 2:24-25

My marriage can **work**, if I **work** at my marriage.

Place me like a **seal** over your heart, like a **seal** on your arm; for love is **as strong as death**, its jealousy unyielding as the **grave**. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. **Many waters** cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned. (Song of Solomon 8:6-7, NIV)

Promise: From the Latin *promittere*

Pro: **Forward**

Mittere: **Send**.

The Promise of _____.

For this reason a man shall **leave** his father and his mother, and be **joined** to his wife; and they shall become **one flesh**. And the man and his wife were both naked and were **not ashamed**. (Genesis 2:24-25, NASB)

But seek **first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things **will be given to you** as well. (Matthew 6:33, NIV)

I promise _____ will be my first _____ and my _____ will be my second.

If there is any sense of **competition**,
there cannot be **intimacy**.

The things that destroy many marriages are not **bad things**.
They are **good things** that are not **prioritized** correctly.

The Promise of _____.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be **joined** to his wife... (Genesis 2:24, NASB)

All **hard work** brings a **profit**, but mere talk leads only to poverty. (Proverbs 14:23, NIV)

I promise I will _____ to pursue you even _____ I have you.

Pursue her with **affection**
Pursue him with **affirmation**

The Promise of _____.

For this reason a man shall **leave** his father and his mother, and be **joined** to his wife; and they shall become **one flesh**. (Genesis 2:24, NASB)

Great marriages have **partners**, not **competitors**.

I promise to make our relationship about _____ and not _____.

"Haven't you read... 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and **the two will become one flesh**'? So they are no longer **two**, but **one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, **let no one separate**.'" (Matthew 19:4-6, NIV)

Differences can either **annoy** you or they can **strengthen** you.

The Promise of _____.

Adam and his wife were both **naked**, and they felt **no shame**. (Genesis 2:25, NIV)

Have **nothing** to do with the fruitless deeds of **darkness**, but rather **expose** them. (Ephesians 5:11, NIV)

Secrecy is the enemy of **intimacy**.

I promise to _____ in you, not _____ from you.

In order for _____ to work,
let the One who _____ them, _____ them.

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I promise **God** will be my first **priority** and my **spouse** will be my second.

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The Promise of **Pursuit**.

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I promise I will **continue** to pursue you even **after** I have you.

Pursue her with **affection**
Pursue him with **affirmation**

The Promise of **Partnership**.

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I promise to make our relationship about **we** and not **me**.

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The Promise of **Purity**.

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Secrecy is the enemy of **intimacy**.

I promise to **confide** in you, not **hide** from you.

In order for **relationships** to work,
let the One who **designed** them, **define** them.