

But where
do you start?
Something's
not right

Something's
missing
And how do
you start?



What's
the secret?

Is there
a secret?

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PUTTING TOGETHER A GRACE-FILLED HOME

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Proverbs 28:1

The wicked run away when no one is chasing them
but the godly are as bold as lions.

**The truth is, marriage is an ultra-marathon, not a sprint.
We must be in it for the long haul to make our marriage what it must be, and what God wants it to be.**

1 Corinthians 9:24-26

Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! ²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. ²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.

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Character

Faith

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Character

Whether we exercise good character or bad, whatever shows up is a result of choices we've made. Good choices are usually harder to make but provide a greater payoff. Poor choices are usually easier to make but come with nasty price tags. Either way, it's our choice.

Dr. Tim Kimmel

Once you learn to quit,
it becomes a habit.

Vince Lombardi

 quote fancy

Character

Joshua 24:14-15

But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve.

Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Faith

**How do you process bad news?
How do you behave in emergencies?
Do you find yourself fretting about
money, your health, aging, or unknowns?
How much of your prayer life is about
God clearing obstacles out of your way?
Do you allow your past sins to limit you as
an individual or to tamper with you as a
couple?**

Faith

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.

He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.

For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.

He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

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Faith

The faith we represent as couples is not our individual faith quotients added together and divided by two. The strong faith of one spouse still gets God's attention—even if the other spouse has no clue or interest.

Integrity

Ephesians 2:1-2

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

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Integrity

If we want to receive God's blessing as well as enjoy his protection, we must have true content to our character. We need undaunted moral fiber driven by uncompromised moral convictions.

Integrity

Psalm 101:2

I will be careful to live a blameless life— when will you come to help me?
I will lead a life of integrity in my own home.

Poise

“Most people’s lives aren’t lived in balance. They just occasionally appear that way in those brief moments when they pass through the middle going from one extreme to the other.”

Dr. Howard Hendricks

Poise

Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

So don't be too good or too wise! Why destroy yourself? On the other hand, don't be too wicked either. Don't be a fool! Why die before your time? Pay attention to these instructions, for anyone who fears God will avoid both extremes.

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Discipline

Spiritually disciplined couples do three things: they delay gratification because of advanced decision making in order to stay on target toward a focused goal.

Discipline

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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Endurance

Romans 15:5-6

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Endurance

God's Spirit empowers us as his grace keeps us padding forward through the good, the bad, and the revolting sections of the course before us.

Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.

Endurance

Hebrews 12:1-3

Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.

Endurance

It's easier to endure if we ...

- **keep in mind there are people depending on us (a great cloud of witnesses),**
- **keep ourselves unencumbered from foolishness (sin that so easily entangles us),**
- **resist veering off the course God has laid out (the race marked out before us), and**
- **keep our eyes on the finish line (fix our eyes on Jesus)**

Endurance

Hebrews 5:3-5

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Courage

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Corinthians 15:58

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

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