

**Keys To Unlocking The Mystery Of Marriage
Selected Scripture
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Key #1: Communication

Proverbs 13:17 (TLB) An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. Reliable communication permits progress.

Norman Wright:

Key #2: Compromise

Proverbs 18:1 (TLB) The selfish man quarrels against every sound principle of conduct by demanding his own way.

"90% of all marriage problems include some kind of communication breakdown."

Pastor Tim:

"If you have been married for longer than a day then you know that every marriage has conflict. The question is, how will you deal with it?"

Key #3: Contact

1 Corinthians 7:1-3 (NASB) Now concerning the things about which you wrote, it is good for a man not to touch a woman. But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

Seven Techniques of Kissing:

- 1. Towel Off**
- 2. Moisturize**
- 3. Freshen up**
- 4. Seal it**
- 5. Tantalize**
- 6. Be creative**
- 7. Focus**

Pastor Tim:

"Its always easier to act your way into a feeling than it is to feel your way into an action. Feeling always follow behavior."

Key #4: Commitment

Malachi 2:16 (TLB) For the Lord, the God of Israel, says he hates divorce and cruel men. Therefore, control your passions—let there be no divorcing of your wives.

Pastor Tim:

"Commitment to our marriage somewhere along the way will mean being willing to be unhappy. The grass is never greener on the other side, its always greener where you water it the most."

Key #5: Christ

Isaiah 33:6 (NASB) And He will be the stability of your times, A wealth of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; The fear of the LORD is his treasure.

Pastor Tim:

"Every marriage will encounter its share of earthquakes; financial, emotional, relational, stress, and many others. And when it does there must be a solid foundation for your home in Jesus Christ."

Pastor Tim:

"The hardest challenge in my life hasn't been building this church, its been building and investing in my marriage. Marriage building takes intentional time and energy. Being married to Sherry has been the most rewarding experience I have ever known. But, I have learned that what you put into it is what you're going to get out of it."