

**Smart Living: The Book Of Proverbs**  
**“How To Develop A Great Marriage” #9**  
**Cornerstone Church Of Poway**  
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**Sermon Notes**

Their purpose is to teach people to **live disciplined and successful lives**, to help them do what is **right, just, and fair**. **Proverbs 1:3 (NLT2) Remember verse**

**Big Idea:** If I want success in my life, then I must create **habits** that support my commitments.

**To Develop A Great Marriage You Need To:**

**1. Strengthen Your Faith**

**Fear of the LORD** is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline. **Proverbs 1:7 (NLT2)**

Blessed is the man who always **fears the LORD**, but he who **hardens his heart** falls into trouble. **Proverbs 28:14 (NIV)**

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart**; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek **His will** in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.

**Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2)**

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**2. Practice Forgiveness & Rebuild Trust**

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever **confesses** and **renounces** them finds **mercy**. **Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)**

Who can say, “I have cleansed my heart; I am pure and free from sin”?

**Proverbs 20:9 (NLT2)**

And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a **foothold to the devil**. **Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT2)**

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT2)**

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**3. Improve Your Friendship**

There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24 (NLT2)**

Never let **loyalty and kindness** leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will **earn a good reputation**. **Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT2)**

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#### **4. Invest In Friendships With Godly Couples**

It is pleasant to see dreams come true, but fools refuse to turn from evil to attain them. **Walk with the wise** and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble. Trouble chases sinners, while **blessings** reward the righteous.

**Proverbs 13:19-21 (NLT2)**

**As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend. Proverbs 27:17 (NLT2)**

#### **5. Pursue Romance**

Drink water from your own well— **share your love only with your wife**.

Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers.

**Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you**. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love. **Proverbs 5:15-19 NLT2**

#### **6. Have Fun Together**

A **glad heart** makes a happy face; a **broken heart** crushes the spirit.

A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash.

For the **despondent**, every day brings trouble; for the **happy heart**, life is a continual feast. **Better to have little**, with fear for the LORD, than to have great treasure and inner turmoil. A bowl of vegetables with **someone you love** is better than steak with someone you hate. **Proverbs 15:13-17 (NLT2)**

Being **cheerful** keeps you healthy. It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time. **Proverbs 17:22 (TEV)**

- **Which of these six disciplines do you need to develop the most?**

**My next right step, I will:**

- Go on a date with my spouse this week
- Work on being a better friend to my spouse
- Go on a double date with godly friends
- Dial up the romance in our marriage

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**[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]**

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**Open in Prayer.**

**Ice breaker:** Who do you know that is the best example of a loving marriage?

Extra challenge: Ask them to go on a double date. On the date, ask questions of what has kept them together in a loving marriage.

**To Develop A Great Marriage You Need To:**

**1. Strengthen Your Faith**

**Read Proverbs 1:7**

How would you describe your world view?

**Read Proverbs 28:14**

How would you describe your heart? Soft? Hardening? Hard? Broken?

**Read Proverbs 3:5-6**

**What helps you seek the Lord?**

**2. Practice Forgiveness & Rebuild Trust**

**Read Proverbs 28:13**

Is it easy or hard to confess your wrongs to your spouse? Why?

If not married, is it easy or hard to confess your wrongs to your friend? Why?

What would help you improve in this area?

**Read Proverbs 20:9**

What does this verse reveal?

### **Read Ephesians 4:26-27**

What is a consequence of holding onto your anger?

### **Read Ephesians 4:31-32**

Which of these negative attributes do you need to get rid of?

Which do you need to add this week?

## **3. Improve Your Friendship**

### **Read Proverbs 18:24**

How is your friendship with your spouse?

### **Read Proverbs 3:3-4**

How can you show more loyalty and kindness this week?

## **4. Invest In Friendships With Godly Couples**

### **Read Proverbs 13:19-21**

Who are godly couples that you can get to know better?

### **Read Proverbs 27:17**

Who in your life will speak truth and uplift your marriage?

## **5. Pursue Romance**

### **Read Proverbs 5:15-19**

How would you rate your romance in your marriage? 1 to 10

What can you do to pursue your spouse this week?

## **6. Have Fun Together**

### **Read Proverbs 15:13-17; Read Proverbs 17:22**

Would people describe you as gloomy or a happy person?

What are some things you can give thanks for:

What is something fun that you and your spouse can do this week / month?