

Balancing the Challenges and Benefits of Two Distinctive Personalities

And the Lord God said, "It isn't good for man to be alone; I will make a companion for him, a helper suited to his needs." Genesis 2:18, TLB

We are designed to be different, and that's the trick. God created us differently. He made us in His image. Men and women see life from different perspectives, but God's Word calls us to become one. We are challenged to balance the differences.

Think about differences in the way you and your spouse respond to various situations. Compare the differences as to how you and your spouse might respond in the following situations: Friends invite you to a formal event, it's a beautiful Saturday with clear skies, planning how to spend your vacation, or how you want to be treated when sick.

You can let differences drive you apart or you can realize that these differences are what make you a couple. Dr. Leman says that the average lifespan of a marriage is 7 years. No marriage is perfect because we all make mistakes.

Helping Each Other

Think about the ways you are a helper to your spouse and your spouse is a helper to you. Think about your similarities and differences. Consider what you can do to work together through the differences. Women are like plants. They need to be nurtured and taken care of. Men need to feel wanted and needed. A smart husband will see something that needs to be done and do it.

God's ideal plan for man and woman was to be joined together with an inseparable union. Sin came into the world and changed all of that.

Marriage unites emotionally, physically, spiritually, financially and intellectually. Two become one in purpose. Husband and wife balance each other's strengths and weaknesses to fulfill God's calling in life.