

Solution to Study 0078

1. How do we maintain trust in marriage? (**Proverbs 3:5-6; Jeremiah 17:5-8; 2 Corinthians 3:14-18; Malachi 2:14-15; Proverbs 28:13**)
 - **First, trust God, then, you will be able to trust your spouse.**
 - **First be open to the Holy Spirit and the word of God, then, you will be able to be open to your spouse.**
 - **Do not deal treacherously with your spouse—no deceits, no craftiness, no cunningness, etc. (*Proverbs 3:27-30*).**
 - **Admit your faults to God genuinely, then to your spouse, as God will lead you.**
2. How do we bring forth godly seed? (**Proverbs 5:15-20; 1 Corinthians 7:12-14; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6, 15; 23:13-14; 13:24; 19:18; 29:15, 17; 1 Kings 1:3-7**)
 - **It begins with faithfulness to your spouse;**
 - **Then, we must keep the home sanctified.**
 - **The husband must play his role of training and disciplining the children as prescribed in Scripture:**
 - *Spare not the rod of correction (Proverbs 20:30);*
 - *Discipline should be prompt, and when they are still young;*
 - *The mother should also play her role in ensuring that discipline is applied.*
3. How do we maintain sexual purity in our marriages? (**1 Corinthians 7:1-5; 5:9-13; 15:33; 1 Corinthians 6:15-18; Matthew 5:27-30, 31-32; Proverbs 5:15-20; 2 Timothy 2:22a; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; Hebrews 13:4**)
 - **Do not deny each other sexual intercourse (conjugal rights).**
 - **Avoid hanging out with sexually immoral people who claim to be believers, as well as, those who are unbelievers.**
 - **Flee sexual immorality:**
 - *Stop looking at other women/men with lust in your heart.*
 - *Don't get married to a divorcee, whose spouse is still alive.*
 - *Be satisfied with your spouse.*
 - **Flee youthful lusts:**
 - *Don't hang out with those engaged in youthful lusts.*
 - *Avoid lewdness in dressing.*
 - *Don't engage in sexually explicit conversations and texts.*
 - **Sexual intercourse with your spouse should be with decency.**
 - **Keep the marriage bed sanctified.**
4. How do we ensure a life-long marriage? (**1 Corinthians 7:3-6, 10-16; Ephesians 5:21-33; 1 Peter 3:1-7; Matthew 19:3-9**)
 - **Do not use sex as a weapon against your spouse.**
 - **Divorce should never be considered an option no matter what.**
 - **Wives should submit to their own husbands as to the Lord in everything, show respect to them, and spend more time developing the inner (spiritual) man, rather than with apparel, jewellery, etc.**
 - **Husbands should lovingly provide leadership with understanding, being mindful of her frame.**
 - **Do not harden your heart towards your spouse, or anyone for that matter (do not shut your heart against the word of God, by refusing to accept and obey it).**

CONCLUSION

The most important input for any marriage to function as God intended, is for the Parties concerned, the man and his wife, to live, first and foremost, as Christians individually, then, as a couple who are Christians! They must recognize that there is bound to be friction, but that is taken care of by both of them submitting themselves to live by the word of God!