

*...above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." - 1 Peter 4:8*

If we tell ourselves that we're letting things go when we're really bottling them up, we're creating a breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

If we're overly critical, we'll \_\_\_\_\_ our spouse into someone who is not a \_\_\_\_\_ to be married to.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. - John 1:14*

*...speaking the truth in love... - Ephesians 4:15*

We are to deal in the \_\_\_\_\_ with an equal measure of \_\_\_\_\_.

*A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, and a flattering mouth works ruin. - Proverbs 26:28*

It's not loving or gracious to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ important relational information from our spouse.

### Should I address the issue?

- 1) Does the Bible obligate you to raise the issue?
- 2) Will it harm the family in the future?
- 3) If #1 and #2 are not concerns and you can honestly let it go, let it go.
- 4) If you can't let it go, seek the Lord.

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. - James 1:5*

- 5) Raise the issue and work toward resolution.

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her... So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies... For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ...let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. - Ephesians 5:22-25, 28-29, 33*

The best version of you to be married to is the version of you that is walking in \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.

*"He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." - John 15:5*