

Recommended Reading

All relationships take vision, intentional effort and the right tools to stay healthy and grow. These can be fostered through intentional quality time together in prayer and focused effort on specific areas of the relationship that a couple agrees upon. With literally thousands of books available on the topic of relationships, we've tried to narrow the field to some that the leaders in the Marriage Ministry have found helpful over the years. The listings below are those that we believe address each subject best.

General

- Chapman, Dr. Gary – *The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate*
- Cloud, Dr. Henry and Dr. John Townsend – *Boundaries in Marriage*
- Eggerichs, Dr. Emerson – *Love and Respect*
- Feldhahn, Jeff and Shaunti – *For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women*
- Feldhahn, Shaunti – *For Women Only: What You Need to Know About the Inner Lives of Men*
- Ferguson, Dr. David and Teresa – *Intimate Encounters*
- Farrel, Bill and Pam – *Men Are Like Waffles—Women Are Like Spaghetti*
- Heller, Alan and Pauly – *The Marital Mystery Tour*
- Keller, Timothy – *The Meaning of Marriage*
- Kendrick, Stephen and Alex Kendrick – *The Love Dare*
- Kimmel, Dr. Tim - *Grace Filled Marriage*
- Krafsky, Jason and Kelli – *Facebook and Your Marriage*
- Lewis, Robert and William Hendricks – *Rocking the Roles: Building a Win-Win Marriage*
- Piper, John – *This Momentary Marriage: A Parable of Permanence*
- Savage, Tim – *No Ordinary Marriage*
- Smalley, Dr. Gary – *The DNA of Relationships*
- Thomas, Gary L. – *Sacred Marriage*
- Tripp, Paul David – *What Did You Expect??*

Devotionals for Couples

- Bragg, Clint and Penny – *Dance Lessons*
- Ferguson, Dr. David and Teresa – *Never Alone: Devotions for Couples*

Before You Marry

- Biehl, Bobb and Cheryl – *Getting to "Really Know" Your Life-Mate-to-Be*
- Cloud, Dr. Henry and Dr. John Townsend – *Boundaries in Dating*
- Gudgel, David – *Before You Get Engaged*
- Gudgel, David – *Before You Live Together*

Before You Remarry

- Deal, Ron and David Olson – *The Remarriage Checkup: Tools to Help Your Marriage Last a Lifetime*
- Wright, H. Norman – *Before You Remarry: A Guide to Successful Remarriage*

The First Years of Marriage

- Gottman, Drs. John and Julie – *And Baby Makes Three*
- Wheat, Ed – *First Years of Forever*

Sexual Intimacy

- Ethridge, Shannon - *The Sexually Confident Wife*
- Lehman, Dr. Kevin – *Sheet Music: Uncovering the Secrets of Sexual Intimacy in Marriage*
- McCluskey, Christopher and Rachel – *When Two Become One: Enhancing Sexual Intimacy in Marriage*
- Nair, Ken – *Discovering the Mind of a Woman: The Key to Becoming a Strong and Irresistible Husband Is...*
- Rosenau, Dr. Douglas – *A Celebration of Sex: A Guide to Enjoying God's Gift of Married Sexual Pleasure*
- Wheat, Dr. Ed – *Intended for Pleasure: Sex Technique and Sexual Fulfillment in Christian Marriage (Third Edition)*

Stewardship and Finances

- Burkett, Larry – *The Complete Financial Guide for Young Couples: a Lifetime Approach to Spending, Saving and Investing*
- Ramsey, Dave – *The Total Money Makeover: A Proven Plan for Financial Fitness*

Addictions – Abuse – Infidelity

- Allender, Dan – *The Wounded Heart: Hope for Adult Victims of Sexual Abuse*
- Carder, David – *Torn Asunder: Recovering from an Extramarital Affair*
- Schaumburg, Dr. Harry W – *False Intimacy – Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction*
- Tracy, Steve – *Mending the Soul: Understanding and Healing Abuse*

Parenting

- Kimmel, Dr. Tim – *Grace Based Parenting*
- Kimmel Murray, Karis - *Grace Based Discipline*
- Leman, Dr. Kevin – *The Birth Order Book*
- Rainey, Dennis – *Interviewing Your Daughter's Date*
- Smalley, Gary – *The Blessing*