

# Are You Building or Tearing Down?

## Building and Maintaining Unity in a Blended Family

Statistics: 50%, 67%, and 74%

Ephesians 5:31

“... the **two are united into one.**”

Matthew 19:5

Our Goal is to:

- Be intentional
- Be consistent
- work as one
- grow together
- never give up

Ephesians 4:13

... unity ... mature

Philippians 2:2

... agreeing each other, loving one another, working together

Ephesians 4:3

**Make every effort** to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace.

1 Corinthians 12:25

... **no division**

1 Corinthians 1:10

... **harmony** ... **no divisions** ... united in thought and purpose.

Eph 5:22 – Spirit--guided relationships

The man considers, the woman yields.

## Most Common trouble areas:

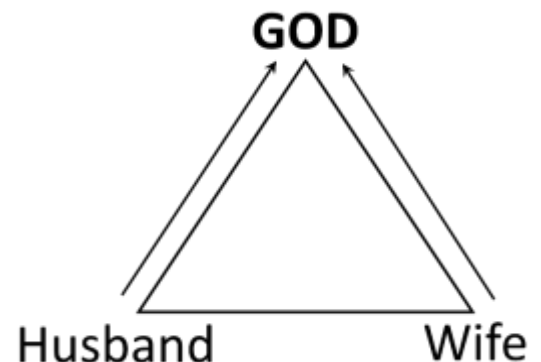
Communication

- Learning to communicate well.
- Improve in the ways we communicate with each other.
- Learning how to “disagree respectfully.”

Finances

“Where your money is, your heart is.”

“Yours and mine” vs “Ours”



Children  
"Yours and mine" vs "Ours"

Sex & Romance  
Two different cultures (Spirit, soul body triangles)

Ministry  
Every marriage also displays a testimony.

John 17:23

We can inspire, influence and impact others through our marriages.

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**TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION**

- What can you do right now?
- What can you do TODAY?
- Don't wait!

**YOU CAN have a strong, vibrant, exciting, impactful, and fun marriage!**



Books we recommend:

*Sheet Music*, by Dr. Kevin Lehman

*Love and Respect*, by Emerson Eggerichs

*The Five Love Languages*, by Gary Chapman

*Boundaries in Marriage*, by Henry Cloud & John Townsend