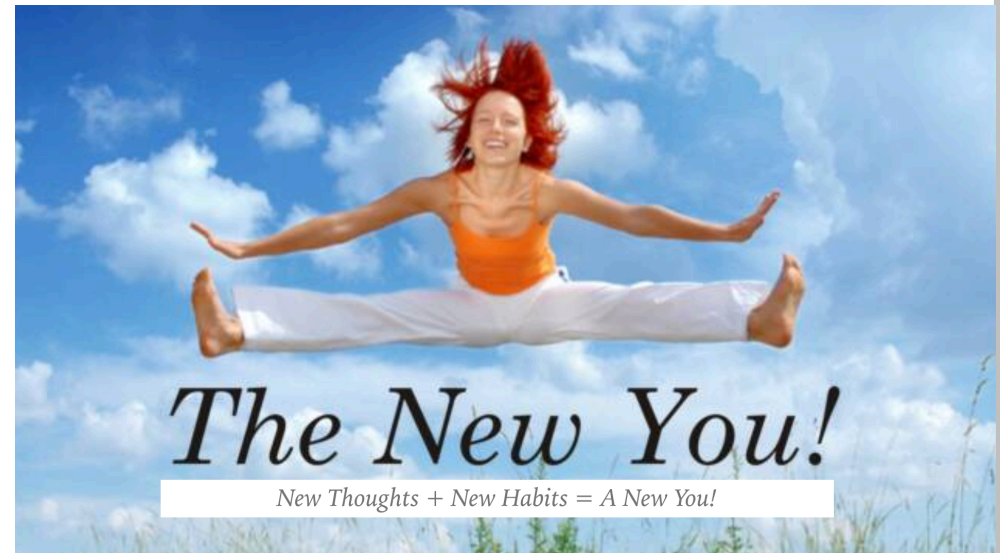


One of the purposes that God has in giving you a spouse who is your exact opposite is _____

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT) "As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend."

HABITS THAT WILL TRANSFORM ME INTO BECOMING NEW:

1. **Bible reading** (Matthew 4:4 "People don't live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.")
2. **Talking to God** (Mark 1:35 "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.")
3. **Attending Church** (Luke 4:16 "And on the Sabbath day Jesus went into the synagogue, as was his custom.")
4. **Making Faith Confessions** (1 Cor. 2:12-13 "We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak...")
5. **Worship Wednesdays: Fast** one meal or one hour of TV/computer. (Matthew 6:16 "When you fast...")



I CHOOSE YOU!

HOW TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDSHIPS & A GREAT MARRIAGE!

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is- his good, pleasing and perfect will."

God wants you to have friends in your life that:

- Mentally _____
- Emotionally _____
- Spiritually _____

Two Kinds of Friends:

1. C_____ friends are the result of a C_____
2. C_____ friends are the result of C_____

Proverbs 12:26a "The righteous choose their friends carefully..."

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT MARRIAGE:

1. C _____ MY MARRIAGE ON _____

EXAMPLE OF A 3 LEGGED STOOL

A). In a Christian marriage, the two spouses are to be joined together.

Matthew 19:4-6 (NLT) Jesus said: "Haven't you read the Scriptures? Jesus replied. They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

"Joined" (Proskollao, #4347) means _____

B) In a Christian marriage, there is a mystery that occurs in that God is united in the marriage.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV) Paul said, "'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a profound mystery- but I am talking about Christ and the church."



3 Steps:

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. C _____ TO LEARNING HOW TO _____ LIKE JESUS

The Bible word for God's kind of love is _____. This is different than erotic love (Eros) and familial love (Philos).

1 John 4:16 & 18 "God is [Agape] love. Whoever lives in [Agape] love lives in God, and God in them... There is no fear in {Agape} love. But perfect [Agape] love drives our fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."

God's Agape love drives out all _____.

"Punishment" means _____

Two Characteristic of God's Agape Love:

- _____
- _____

3. C _____ AN ATMOSPHERE OF LOVE & PRAISE

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV) "Instead, speaking the truth in [Agape] love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."

Ephesians 4:29 (NIV) "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

4. C _____ TO A MARRIAGE WHERE THERE IS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT) "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged."