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Directions: Read through the verses and information below, allowing adequate time for discussion about each topic. The material below should not be considered exhaustive; rather, it should serve as a beginning point for you to search the Scripture and to learn more about marriage.

I. SCRIPTURAL DIRECTION AND BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES.

A. Seeking the kingdom of God.

Seeking the kingdom of God must be your top priority in life. This is done by pursuing things that are consistent with God's Word and His righteousness. Putting Him first in your lives allows other things to fall into their proper rank. Loving God and loving people are the two principles that should underlie all that you do.

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Psalm 27:4, "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple."

Matthew 22:37-40, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

B. You are accountable for how you use your time and talents.

You use your time and talents as you seek the kingdom of God and are accountable to God for your stewardship.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

C. Committing your ways to the Lord.

No one knows what the future holds for their lives. However, if you commit your ways to the Lord and walk in His ways, He will direct your steps and guide you in the way you should go.

Psalm 37:23, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."

Proverbs 16:9, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

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D. Keeping God in the center of your lives requires sacrifice.

In order to maintain a biblical focus while reaching for your goals and priorities, you must think about the implications and possible sacrifices you will need to make in order to ensure that you keep God at the center. You cannot serve God and walk according to the flesh and society's standards.

Luke 14:28-30, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish."

Matthew 6:24, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Philippians 1:9-11, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

E. The importance of having a vision for the future.

Having vision and goals allows you to stay focused on your true priorities and to be good stewards of the gift of marriage and other gifts you have received. Not having clear direction can lead to living aimlessly and pulling away from God's priorities for your lives.

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish:"

F. Fulfilling the Great Commission.

As individuals and as couples, you must consider your roles in how you can help fulfill the Great Commission.

Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

G. Using your spiritual gifts.

You can be faithful stewards by using your God-given spiritual gifts to serve one another. Each believer has received spiritual gifts as a result of God's grace; these gifts of grace take various forms. While individual gifts may be different, they are designed to be used together to build the Body of Christ, to edify one another, and to minister the love of Christ to others.

1 Peter 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Ephesians 4:11-16, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the

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unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

H. Maintaining an eternal perspective about your treasure.

Each individual and couple must answer the question, "Where is your treasure?"

Matthew 6:19-21, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

I. Seeking contentment rather than riches.

Everyone has been given much, although what each has received does not always compare favorably to what others have received. Individuals and couples vary in wealth, talents, occupations, family situations, etc., but each one has the opportunity to receive God's amazing, sufficient grace. You must allow contentment rather than striving for money or riches to order your priorities.

Luke 12:48, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:"

1 Timothy 6:6-12, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

J. Working in His kingdom.

You have the privilege of working along with God to build His kingdom. God has designed you to do good works as an expression of your love for Him. Your works will reveal where your devotion lies.

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

1 Corinthians 3:9-15, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

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II. PRACTICAL APPLICATION.

A. Why having a vision for your marriage is important.

1. What is a vision?

Put simply, a vision is a roadmap or a “picture” of a plan. You have probably heard of organizations that have a mission statement. The purpose of a mission statement is to succinctly state the reason that the organization exists, its core values, and what goals it seeks to achieve. A mission statement can help define the “vision.”

2. What is the purpose of your marriage?

The answer to this question is crucial as you seek to be purposeful in glorifying God in your marriage. Christ-honoring marriages do not happen by accident. Rather, you must have a biblically-based idea that serves as a roadmap about where you and your spouse are going in life. This roadmap outlines the goals and the steps along the way that will help you reach those goals. Keep in mind, however, that while you devise goals and plan your ways, it is the Lord who directs your steps (*Proverbs 16:9*). Over time your plans may change, obstacles may arise, and your goals may shift. However, as long as you are focused on the goal of serving God and glorifying Him in all things, you can take those changes gracefully.

3. Where do you want your marriage to go?

The types of goals you and your spouse may develop can vary and stretch over a wide range of topics. For example, one goal may be related to having children and raising a family together. You may have a goal to one day build your own house, own a business, travel to Europe, mentor teenagers, or support a mission organization. Having a dream that the two of you share can help you build and maintain unity and will help guide you as you strive to be good stewards of your time and talents. Each of you will have entered marriage with your own dreams and ideas about the future. As you become one, you join these dreams and ideas and see how you can help each other fulfill them.

4. Your vision can help safeguard your marriage.

Why did you want to be married? Where would you like your marriage to be in five years? Ten years? Twenty years? Forty years? If you would like to know and love your spouse more deeply and to have a stronger marriage, you must be purposeful in making that happen. Shared activities and goals help this occur. There are both obstacles that can hinder you and resources you can use to help your marriage grow. Defining your vision can help you overcome the obstacles and utilize the resources available.

- a. **Obstacles:** Marriage has tremendous potential to bring God glory and to help two people grow closer to and more like Christ. Because of this, Satan tries to sabotage marriages by attempting to distract and discourage couples from their purpose. Money, selfishness, isolation, spiritual stagnation, etc. can all become obstacles in your marriage. Comparison to others is a subtle way Satan can distract couples from what truly matters. When couples become discontent with their material possessions and strive to remedy that discontent by spending more time and energy on increasing wealth, they easily become distracted from their godly goals and purposes.

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- b. Changes that come with normal life stages: Over time, normal changes in your life such as the addition of children, increased responsibility at work, additional responsibilities in the church, etc. can have both positive and negative effects on your marriage. These changes can add richness and meaning to your lives as well as increased stress and demands on your time. While these changes are not necessarily bad in themselves, you must be aware that these changes can pull your focus away from your overall mission. You need times of reflection and reevaluation to ensure that you haven't gotten so caught up by busyness of day-to-day life that you lose sight of your true purpose.

B. Creating a vision for your marriage.

1. It's not about you.

One of the first steps to forming a vision for your marriage is to realize it's not all about you. Those who enter marriage must put self aside in order to give glory to God by means of becoming one with another person as He intended. Christ, husband, and wife are now in an intimate relationship and all endeavors, decisions, etc. must be for the betterment of that three-fold intimate relationship. The vibrancy of your marriage is directly linked to your vision for your marriage and the pursuit of that vision: "A spiritually alive marriage will remain a marriage of two individuals in pursuit of a common vision outside themselves."¹ Sometimes, difficulty can arise when trying to agree on a common vision. One spouse may see his/her ideas and goals as superior to the other's. Or, goals may be developed solely by one spouse without input from the other. The ingredients for staying spiritually vibrant include utilizing the distinctness of the husband and wife, utilizing their union by pursuing agreed-upon goals, and for these goals to be outside of self-centered goals.

2. The role of sacrifice.

A healthy marriage consists of two complete individuals, joining together and having identities as both individuals and as a couple. This oneness does not entail two "halves" becoming one or one spouse absorbing the other. Rather, as whole individuals they come together to be one in Christ. As *1 Corinthians 11:11* says, "*Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.*"

However, God doesn't want you to join together so that you can live out selfish desires. Rather, the joining together of husband and wife is designed to help you learn to be more like Christ and to live in a meaningful, self-sacrificial manner. Consider this quote that addresses marital unity:

"This 'we,' however, is not achieved through the absorption of one mate into the other – either the wife into the husband or the husband into the wife. The apostle Paul is clear that each of us is given our own gifts and our own role to play in the kingdom of God. Each of us must be passionately devoted to our own faithful service. A mature marriage looks beyond itself, forfeiting not just the tyranny of individual desires, but also the tyranny of the couple's comfort."²

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In addition to being unified on goals and dreams, you must also escape “the tyranny” of comfort. Sometimes, particularly in the beginning of marriage, it can be easy to become absorbed into your life as a new couple. While this stage is healthy to a point and it is important to bond as a couple, there also needs to be a balance of reaching out to others. The stewardship of your time and talents will shift as you progress through different stages of your marriage relationship. Much time and effort must go to your spouse and to couple-bonding time during the beginning stage of your marriage. If you are raising children, much of your time and talents are invested in them. There are other stages of your marriage in which you have time and talents to share with others, to use in outreach, and to invest in the lives of others. Prayerful discernment is required to keep your priorities straight.

3. Who you are matters more than what you do.

As you form your vision, this important truth must be kept in mind. God wants the image of Christ to be formed in you just as Paul desired for the Galatian believers when he said, “*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you*” (*Galatians 4:19*). You must not become so busy doing things (even good things) that you forget to spend time communing with God from your heart. God uses the relationships, experiences, and circumstances of your lives to shape and form you to reflect Him more fully. Sometimes, individuals who want to achieve a goal or accomplish some task become discouraged because they feel there isn’t enough time to accomplish the things they want to accomplish. When striving to serve the Lord, you are not immune from this challenge. Relationships, and specifically the marriage relationship, can alter the time, energy, and resources that you can put into achieving your goals. Therefore, it is wise to remember that “there is no question that marriage limits how much we can do, but it multiplies what we can become.”³

Undoubtedly marriage involves serving another person more than serving yourself. It takes time, effort, and even money away from self and self-driven ambitions. While you may be less able to do as much as you could when single, marriage shapes your character and impacts your soul, allowing you to become more Christ-like.

Having entered Holy Matrimony, marriage becomes an essential part of your mission in life, both because of what it allows you to do as well as who it allows you to be. This relationship becomes the core from which other aspects of your life emerge. Becoming more Christ-like in this relationship is fulfilling a fundamental aspect of your purpose in life. Making your marriage as God-glorifying as possible in every area becomes a life-long goal. Loving and respecting your spouse and fulfilling biblical husband/wife roles are ways to accomplish this goal.

4. Think “big-picture.”

Discuss ways in which the two of you want to be involved together in service, ministry, and worship for the Lord. As you and your spouse discuss goals and hopes for the future, encourage one another to consider the possibilities of how God could work through your lives. At times, God lays certain issues or tasks on an individual’s heart that are meant to help you focus on and fulfill your unique purpose for your life on earth.⁴ Marriage can help you work toward fulfilling your desires to serve Christ. For example, one spouse may help the other overcome fears or insecurities about becoming involved in a type of service within the church.

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5. Know your strengths and weaknesses.

Another step in forming the vision for your marriage is to identify and discuss your *individual* strengths and weaknesses in addition to your strengths and weaknesses *as a couple*. Look for ways that one spouse's strengths can help the other's weaknesses. Look for ways that your strengths coincide and prayerfully consider how God could use them. Do you both have weaknesses in some of the same areas? Discuss how you can make accommodations for each other's weaknesses.

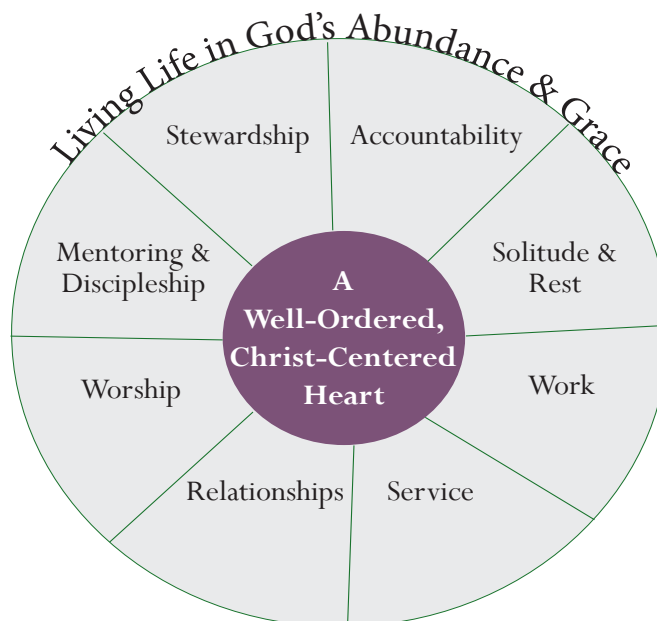
You can see your individual and couple strengths as a gift from God that requires proper stewardship. How will you use them to serve others? How do your strengths and weaknesses guide you as you seek to strengthen your marriage? Consider specifically how you can use your strengths to serve your local church, community, family, coworkers, and neighbors.

C. Day-to-day priorities and stewardship.

Being in agreement on goals and vision allows a couple to be unified and increases intimacy. It also leads to determining your priorities. Once priorities are set, you can then decide how to be good stewards of your time and talents both as individuals and as a couple.

1. The heart of the matter.

Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." If you are to glorify God in your lives, you must start by making sure that your hearts are focused on God. Behavioral change, without a corresponding heart change, is futile. When your hearts are focused on God, then all aspects of your lives radiate His likeness (see the diagram below⁵). You shouldn't live in a "compartmentalized" fashion in which you live according to biblical principles in some situations and not in others. The Word says to do everything as for the Lord: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (*Colossians 3:23-24*).



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2. Striving for balance.

Decisions related to stewardship of time require the give-and-take process. Once married, your time is no longer your own – you share it with your spouse. It is important to be purposeful in how you spend your time alone, together, and with others. Strive for a healthy balance.

For instance, spending too much time on leisure activities or hobbies can lead to an unbalanced lifestyle. When leisure activities take precedence over service opportunities or quality time with friends and family, your time allocation needs to be reevaluated. On the other hand, if you keep so busy that you never have time during a typical week to relax or unwind, you will need to create opportunities for some self-care time.

Deciding how to spend your time is similar to setting a budget. You are each allocated a finite amount of time and you must decide how to spend it. Some categories of your time budget allow for more flexibility than others. The impact of the lack of balance in each category varies as well. Taking too much time out of the “sleep” category will eventually catch up with you and cause detrimental effects such as sickness or irritability. Knowing that you have set aside a certain amount of time for the most important items will help keep your time budget balanced. If you make a habit of going to church every Sunday, you can plan on those hours being allocated to church activity. Also, if you know that you and your spouse will have a date night alone every other week, you can plan for it and make it happen rather than just waiting for “when you have time.” Time is a commodity that you rarely feel you have enough of, so the “when we have time” opportunities seldom actually occur.

After the more structured time is allocated, you then have time at your disposal, although it might not seem like much! Stewardship, priorities, and your goals guide this process. You may have a hobby that you want to pursue or a leisure time activity that you enjoy. Does it fit with the Word and in your “time budget?” *Colossians 1:10* can help remind you of your priorities as well, “*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*”

3. Dividing your time.

Many people or activities vie for your time. Relationships and the amount of time you can give them all change over time. Together, you and your spouse need to decide what is reasonable. You may need to put limits and boundaries on things that can take away from your marital relationship. Even being involved in many “good” things can be the enemy of the “best” things – keeping your spouse a priority.

- a. **Family:** If you live near family, many expectations may be involved in holidays, birthdays, and other family celebrations. Together, you and your spouse can decide on your level of involvement in these activities. If you live far away from family, you and your spouse will need to discuss how to be good stewards of your time while staying in touch with family.

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- b. Friends: Friendships do change after marriage. You may find (or have found) less time to spend with close friends than you did when you were single. Naturally, you grow closer to other married couples and make new friendships that include both you and your spouse. At the same time, it is appropriate to maintain old friendships. It takes effort to maintain friendships, but they are essential for support and encouragement. It is not wise to depend on your spouse to meet all your emotional needs. Once again, a balance is essential.
- c. Church: Commitment to a church body is of great importance. Being involved in your church and building relationships in the church can help you grow spiritually in the process of sanctification. Within a healthy church body, support, love, and encouragement can be given and received as needed. The church should be a sanctuary for weary souls and a source of new life.

At the same time, even church-related activities can become cumbersome. You may be involved in a church that has abundant opportunities for service. You may be asked to be on multiple committees or help with various activities. Even good opportunities such as these can get in the way of your marriage. Talk with your spouse, a mentor, or a minister if you need feedback on how to keep the right balance.

- d. Occupation: Your occupation may be a career, a part-time job, or working towards a degree. Often, the goal of this occupation is to provide for yourself and your family and to use the gifts you have been given. This is an admirable goal and one for which you should strive. However, many people can fall into the trap of allowing work to take precedence over relationships and allowing it to fulfill needs (such as security, confidence, etc.) that were meant to be fulfilled elsewhere. Both husbands and wives with an occupation must defend against the pull that allows work to become more important than family. In addition, focus on the eternal prize for which you are striving, rather than on earthly success.

1 Corinthians 9:24-25, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

- e. Household duties: Whether you rent or buy, whether you live in a small apartment in a city or a large house in the country, various household duties and the responsibilities that come with having "things" can become larger than life. The more you possess, the more you have to take care of. The materialism of our culture too often leads to an overabundance of possessions which then leads to further responsibilities and burdens. In your marriage, guard against the tendency to accumulate, and instead, discern what will allow you to maintain proper stewardship of your time and money.

You don't have to have an abundance of possessions to fall into the trap of feeling as though chores such as laundry, dishes, yard maintenance, etc. have taken over your life. Prayerfully strive to put those tasks in their proper place. We have dominion over all our belongings; be careful not to let them take dominion over you. For some people, starting the day by doing a load of laundry becomes more important than starting the day in prayer. Others may need help getting the minimal chores done. Once again, balance and stewardship of time is key.

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III. COUPLE QUESTIONS AND EXERCISES.

A. QUESTIONS.

1. Consider married couples in the following age categories:
 - Married 0 to 5 years
 - Married 10 years
 - Married 20 years
 - Married 30 years
 - Married 40+ years
 - a. What are the typical challenges that couples face in each of these groups? What strengths and weaknesses do you observe in Christian couples in each group?
 - b. What do you hope our marriage will look like in each of these stages?
2. What are some of the pressures that husbands and wives face (e.g., due to society, comparison, etc.) that make it difficult to (1) maintain proper priorities and stewardship and (2) make it difficult to become *one* and work towards a common goal?
3. How can the following elements be used to help us keep our priorities and maintain proper stewardship of our time and talents?
 - Mentoring
 - Accountability
 - Relationships with other couples
 - Service in the local church
 - Investment in other individuals and couples
 - Other forms of ministry we can become involved in
4. Why do you think some couples start out strong in the Lord and then, apparently, lose focus? What will you do to make sure that doesn't happen to us?

B. EXERCISES.

1. Examine how you each currently spend your time. Estimate how much time (in hours) each week each of you spends in the following categories:

a. Paid work: _____	a. Paid work: _____
b. Volunteer work: _____	b. Volunteer work: _____
c. With family: _____	c. With family: _____
d. With friends: _____	d. With friends: _____
e. Church-related activities: _____	e. Church-related activities: _____
f. Alone: _____	f. Alone: _____
g. With spouse: _____	g. With spouse: _____
h. Leisure activities: _____	h. Leisure activities: _____
i. Housework/Maintenance: _____	i. Housework/Maintenance: _____
j. Social Media: _____	j. Social Media: _____

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Next, with your spouse, describe your ideal time allocation. Make sure it is realistic. Consider your priorities and what is practical.

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| a. Paid work: _____ | a. Paid work: _____ |
| b. Volunteer work: _____ | b. Volunteer work: _____ |
| c. With family: _____ | c. With family: _____ |
| d. With friends: _____ | d. With friends: _____ |
| e. Church-related activities: _____ | e. Church-related activities: _____ |
| f. Alone: _____ | f. Alone: _____ |
| g. With spouse: _____ | g. With spouse: _____ |
| h. Leisure activities: _____ | h. Leisure activities: _____ |
| i. Housework/Maintenance: _____ | i. Housework/Maintenance: _____ |
| j. Social Media: _____ | j. Social Media: _____ |

Look over your responses. Are there differences between the actual and ideal time allocations that need to be addressed? Do priorities need to be shifted? Are you both getting enough time “with spouse?” Is there anything that is getting in the way of your couple goals and vision?

2. Developing your vision: You can use this exercise to help develop or refine your vision for your marriage. The items below can be a guide to help stimulate and direct your communication.
 - a. Commit to pray for God to guide you towards a clear vision for your marriage.
 - b. Identify your personal strengths and weaknesses.
 - c. Identify what you see as your spouse’s individual strengths and weaknesses.
 - d. Identify your strengths and weaknesses as a couple.
 - e. Identify and discuss how you can help each other grow closer to the Lord. As an example, perhaps one of you is gifted in talking about their faith to non-believers and can help your spouse develop that ability, or perhaps one of you is very committed to prayer and can encourage the other to commit to prayer more fervently.
 - f. Brainstorm together how you could serve the Lord as a couple. Think specifically about how you can use your couple strengths to serve individuals, your church, your community, your family, your coworkers, and your neighbors.
 - g. Brainstorm together how you could individually serve the Lord and how you could encourage each other in those endeavors. You will have the opportunity to come in contact with different groups of people in your day-to-day activities. Help each other see day-to-day life as an opportunity for ministry, (e.g., one spouse can pray for the other as he/she interacts with coworkers).
 - h. Discuss your ideas and pray with an older, spiritually mature mentor couple who can help guide and

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direct your thoughts and ideas.

- i. Identify the steps necessary to channel your strengths towards service. Start with things that are small and manageable.
 - j. This process can be repeated many times over the course of your marriage and will likely need many refinements as the Lord directs your steps.
3. Taking into consideration steps (a.) through (j.) above, create a mission statement for your marriage. If you have children, be sure to include your mission for your parenting. This statement consists of no more than a few sentences and summarizes your core values and goals.

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