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Qualities in a Spouse

Qualities are what we possess in someone or something. When we look for those special qualities in a mate we are saying to our self, “this is what I desire”. People desire different things but when it comes to a spouse the qualities gets very specific. Qualities in a spouse would be to love each other. Their love should be unconditional. My aunt and uncle really loved each other. They carried a special love which my sisters, and cousins patterned after. When my aunt became ill there wasn’t nothing that my uncle wouldn’t do for her. I saw how my uncle loved my aunt. He waited on her hand and feet. My uncle made sure that all her bills were paid. He made sure that she kept all of her doctor visits. This is what I call, unconditional love.

Anyone can love if there is a big bank account, a big fine house, five cars in the garage, and jewelry. Now, when all these things are gone, where did the love go? Love should remain no matter what the situation is. Ephesians 5: 21-25, give us expectations that God want husbands and wives to submit and love each. As Christ have loved the church, he wants spouses to love one another.

Qualities in a spouse is integrity. Man or woman must have integrity in a marriage. Without integrity there will not be a sound marriage. Being dishonest confuses a relationship.

It will destroy it. Nothing has a more destructive impact on a close relationship between marriage than dishonesty and deception. Proverbs 12:22, “To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice”.

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Qualities in a spouse is commitment. Being committed is a requirement on both persons. It is not one sided. Commitment is important because we act differently when we know that our futures are tied together. “Commitment reflects the stable factors, including not only love but also obligations and social pressure, that help maintain a relationship, for better or for worse”.

It is possible to love without being committed. I heard someone say, “I love my wife, but I still run around”. God want relationships to be committed. Genesis 2:24, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh”.

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Things I would have to work on is time. Time can be a problem in a relationship. A relationship must have time for each other. Relationships whether married or not time is always important. A relationship does not work without time investment. A successful relationship requires much needed and quality time. It was once in my life as time went on and on that I realized that I was not spending enough time in my relationship with my husband. I was running around at church, working, keeping other people kids and just not paying attention to my husband. One day I looked up and my relationship is fading away. I thought about everything wrong that I was doing. I had to make some adjustments in my marriage and start spending time with my husband. My marriage became closer and more meaningful. In my relationship I am continuing working on spending time with my husband.

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Things I would have to work on is patience. Patience in a marriage begins with each other. Sometime things can really get under your skin being in a relationship. It gets under my skin, but I have to pray and try and keep it together. Patience may include, picking up husband dirty sock, hanging up his clothes, not putting his laundry where it needs to go, etc. All of this requires patience. Patience is one of the fruits of the spirit and it must be possessed in our life. Galatians 5:22, "But the fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance".

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