

FANNING THE FLAME OF ROMANCE
Marriage Matters - Part 4 of 6

Genesis 2:22, 25 (LB) "Then God made... a woman and brought her to the man. `This is it!' Adam exclaimed... the man and his wife were both naked, but neither was embarrassed or ashamed."

KEYS TO ENJOYMENT

1. CULTIVATE _____.

1 Timothy 4:4 (GN) "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected, but all is to be received with a prayer of thanks."

Hebrews 13:4 (Mes) "Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband."

Proverbs 5:18-19 (LB) "Be happy, yes rejoice in your wife... Let her ... tender embrace satisfy you. Let her love alone fill you with delight."

1 Corinthians 6:20 (LB) "Use every part of your body to glorify God."

2. COMMUNICATE _____.

Proverbs 13:17 (LB) "Reliable communication permits progress."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT) "Encourage each other and build each other up."

3. CREATE _____.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (Mes) "The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality -- the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to `stand up for your rights.' Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out."

1 Peter 3:7 (LB) "You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs..."

Song of Solomon 6:12 (GN) "... You have made me eager for love..."

1 Corinthians 7:7 (Ph) "Do not cheat each other of normal sexual relations, unless you both decide to abstain temporarily to make special time for prayer. But afterwards you should resume relations as before, or you will expose yourselves to the obvious temptations of Satan."