

STUDENT HANDOUT — Seminar 1, Session 7

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:1-5

VII. Together, You Must Experience Continual _____ and _____.

A. Growing Together Is A Very Crucial Step In Having A Marriage That Really Lasts.

1. Whenever you find a healthy marriage, you find two people who are growing together.

2. At the same time, when you find a marriage with serious problems, it seems they are both in their separate worlds.

B. Growing Together Means We Are To Be Like-minded.

1. Paul says in verse 2 that we are to be “like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.”

2. What are the steps involved in being like-minded together so that a couple can grow? You must continually be:

a. _____ together.

b. _____ together.

c. _____ together.

d. _____ together.

3. I realize many people who walk down the aisle and take those wedding vows can't figure out what went wrong when in a few short years their marriage begins to face some serious difficulties.

4. The issue here is this, “A marriage is not a snapshot. It is a moving picture.”

C. How Do We Grow And Develop In Order To Become Like-minded?

1. Each Partner Must Have A _____ For Growth.

a. This is an individual issue.

b. You have to want to grow.

2. You And Your Companion Must Become _____.

a. You can have friends of the same sex as you are but never to the exclusion of your companion.

b. This involves working at developing a great friendship.

c. This allows bonding to continue in the marriage process.

3. You And Your Companion Must _____ What You Enjoy Doing Together.

a. It is very important that you discover what your companion enjoys and do a lot of it together.

b. A wife, especially, enjoys sharing experiences with her husband.

4. You And Your Companion Must _____ What You Enjoy Doing Together.

a. Work together on the projects you both enjoy. This will not happen on its own.

b. Establish goals and review them frequently.

CONCLUSION

You can have a strong marriage that will last if you will work together through God's strength and power and the willingness of your partner.

DO NOT LEAVE GOD OUT OF YOUR MARRIAGE. HE CREATED IT!!!