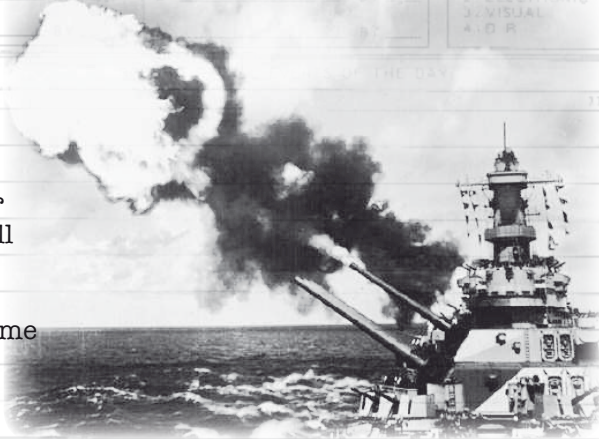


# GOOD DECISIONS MAKE A GREAT MARRIAGE

## WARM UP

Living in a marriage without substantial intentional input to make it a healthy, vibrant love is like going on a mission in the desert and not protecting yourself and your equipment. Your lack of attention will show in the amazing ability of small grains of sand to cause irritation, corrosion and breakdowns. In the same way, your inattention to your wife will have the same results..



## BACKGROUND

In the Old Testament period, before men were allowed to go off to battle, one of the greatest considerations was their relationship with their wife. For one year, a newly-married man had to give priority to giving his wife happiness, rather than fighting in the King's battles. Deut 24:5. Many men have set out to have the greatest marriage with the sweetheart of their dreams, only to face the reality of who they are themselves and the battles they create in the home through wrongly-placed priorities.

## READ Proverbs 18:22, Eph 5:33a

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What are two key areas of intentional input for the vibrant love you are lacking in your marriage?
2. What steps will you be taking this week to give intentional input?

3. What will you discuss with your wife in relation to the issues you are addressing in your own life from today onwards?

4. Write a note to your wife that would have the same tone that you would have used during your courting days.



## IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

### MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

The two issues I will address this week are:

- 1.
- 2.

Who is someone in this group I will ask to keep me accountable to following through on my action steps?  
(Note: Sex is not to be the hidden agenda of our actions.)

## CONSIDER THIS

Marriage provides one of the greatest opportunities for each person to reach their potential through the love and support given to each other. That which I do or don't do will crush or empower me and/or my wife.



## WRAP UP

Be a man of action who receives favour from the Lord, by asking Him daily to bless your wife and by looking for opportunities to be His agent of blessing to her.