

# Strike the Original Match

## Bricks That Build a Marriage

1 PETER 3:1–9



### The Heart of the Matter

Everyone expects the dangers of this world to attack from outside the comforts of home. However, with divorces taking place at alarming rates, attacks from without are being replaced with staggering disintegration from within. Divorce stands as the final ruin of a house that has fallen in on itself. If you or a member of your family hasn't fallen victim to divorce, it almost certainly has affected a number of your friends and acquaintances. The reality of crumbling marriages in our world should cause God's people to stand up and take notice. Thankfully, the Bible provides clear direction regarding the proper materials it takes to build a lasting marriage.



### Discovering the Way

1. Discovering the Biblical Pattern for Marriage (Ephesians 5:22–25)

The Bible sets a marital pattern for both the wife and the husband. While the wife should live in submission to her husband, the husband should live in adoration of his wife.

2. Choosing the Bricks That Are Essential (1 Peter 3:1–9)

The bricks that make up a marriage are unique to the wife and the husband. The Bible calls the wife to properly direct her actions, her adornment, her attitude, and her attention, while the husband needs to live with, know, and honor his wife.

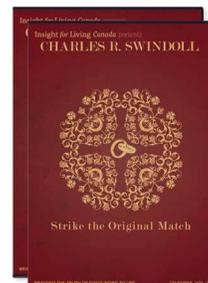


### Starting Your Journey

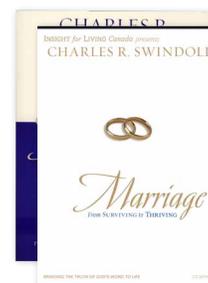
The mortar that holds the bricks of marriage together is made of harmony, sympathy, affection, compassion, and unselfishness.



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