

BRICKS

1 PETER 3:7
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THAT BUILD A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE

- If people would simply get back to God's Word, marriage could be the sweet, satisfying relationship that it was intended to be.

The first brick is _____.

- Peter says, "... *dwell with them according to knowledge...*"
- Ignorance is _____ – especially in marriage – and it is no excuse.
- To know your wife means you know the answers to the complex questions about her.
 - ⇒ What are her deepest desires and concerns?
 - ⇒ What does she fear the most?
 - ⇒ What does she need from you?
- How do you find these things out? It takes _____, it takes _____, it takes listening.

The second brick is _____.

- Peter says, "*Giving honor unto the wife...*" This means that a husband considers his wife a valuable being – a precious _____, worthy of high esteem.
- How does a man honor his wife?

⇒ He _____ her feelings, thoughts, and opinions.

⇒ He _____ her up publicly and compliments her.

⇒ He tells her often that he _____ her.

The third brick is spiritual _____.

- Peter says, *“That your prayers be not hindered.”* Notice, he just assumes that husbands and wives are praying together.
- Husbands, God has called us to be the spiritual _____ of our homes.
- Here are some practical things to do:
 - ⇒ _____ with your wife.
 - ⇒ Read the _____ together as a family.
 - ⇒ Lead the way to _____.
 - ⇒ Keep _____ influences away from the home.
 - ⇒ Never undermine your _____ to the children.