

# **FOREVER FAITHFUL**

*The Perfect Family - Part 4*

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**Matthew 19:4-6**

*"Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding."*

*Proverbs 24:3 (TEV)*

## **HOW TO KEEP MY MARRIAGE GROWING:**

### **1. KEEP ON GIVING ATTENTION.**

*"Marriage involves you in all the domestic life and wanting to please your spouse, leading to so many more demands on your attention."*

*I Corinthians 7:33-34a (Mess)*

### **God's Organizational Chart For The Family...**

#### **Priority #1: God**

*"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children"*

*Ephesians 5:1 (NIV)*

#### **Priority #2: Marriage**

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her..." Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)*

#### **Priority #3: Children**

*"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."*

*Ephesians 6:1 (NIV)*

### **2. KEEP ON SHOWING AFFECTION.**

*"Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other." Romans 12:10 (NLT)*

*"The love you had at first is gone. Remember how far you have fallen. Return to Me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first." Revelation 2:4-5 (GW)*

### **3. KEEP ON GIVING AFFIRMATION.**

*“Encourage each other every day while it is ‘today!’  
Hebrews 3:13a (NCV)*

*“A word of encouragement does wonders!” Proverbs 12:25 (LB)*

*“I have great confidence in you and have lots of reasons to be proud of you...” II Corinthians 7:4 (GW)*

*“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.” Romans 1:12 (NCV)*

### **4. KEEP ON FOLLOWING JESUS.**

*“You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following Him.” Colossians 2:6 (CEV)*

*“Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, and become stronger in your faith.” Colossians 2:7 (TEV)*

*“Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.” James 5:16 (Mess)*

*“Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; He’s the one who will keep you on track.” Proverbs 3:6 (Mess)*

