

# Scripture References

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Why should Scripture be used in mentoring? 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV) states that the Bible is “God-breathed”. In other words, it is God’s Word to us. There are so many questions that philosophers and people have asked that God answers for us in Scripture. It gives a ton of practical advice in areas such as: What do I look for in a mate? How can I have a successful marriage? How can I be a good parent?

Scripture should be used because it is totally reliable, without error. God does not change. His Words are as relevant for us today as when it was written. While mankind as a whole continues to seek love and satisfaction in all of the wrong places, God, our good and gracious Creator, tells us what will bring us lasting joy. His revealed Word, the Scriptures, are so important that Jesus said of them, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” Matthew 4:4 (NIV). In other words, if you want to live life to the fullest as God intended, listen and heed God’s written word.

Marriages are successful when the Holy Spirit is used as your guide and Scripture is used to find answers to questions you may have. The following Scriptures (NIV, unless otherwise indicated) is intended as a reference for you to use. They are topical (pg. 87-100) and categorical (pg. 101-104), making it easy to access a particular Scripture you may be looking for. Share and discuss God’s Word and see lives transformed and marriages restored.

You can download the Scripture Reference Guide from [www.daretobedifferent.com](http://www.daretobedifferent.com).

## **Accountability**

hold each other accountable ..... Hebrews 3:12-13  
all are accountable to Christ ..... Romans 14:10-12  
..... 2 Corinthians 5:10

## **Adultery**

commanded not to ..... Deuteronomy 5:18  
destroying of oneself ..... Proverbs 6:32  
lust leading to adultery ..... Matthew 5:27-28  
adultery and divorce ..... Matthew 5:32

## **Anger**

leads to evil ..... Psalm 37:8  
wise to keep under control ..... Proverbs 29:11  
in anger, do not sin ..... Ephesians 4:25-27

## **Answers**

in distress ..... Psalm 118:6  
God answers prayer ..... Psalm 3:3-5  
..... Psalm 138:3  
..... John 14:13-14

## **Armor**

using the armor of God ..... Ephesians 6:10-17

## **Baptism**

Matthew 3:5-8, 11, 13-16  
Mark 1:4-5, 8-10

## **Behavior**

receiving instruction in prudent behavior ..... Proverbs 1:2-3  
to fear the Lord is to hate evil ..... Proverbs 8:13  
won without a word by the behavior of their wives ..... 1 Peter 3:1, 2  
husbands be considerate with your wives ..... 1 Peter 3:7  
good behavior in Christ ..... 1Peter 3:15-17  
women likewise must be dignified ..... 1Timothy 3:11

## **Bitterness**

danger of bitterness ..... Hebrews 12:15  
..... 1 John 3:15

## **Blame**

excusing sin by blaming others for it ..... Genesis 16:5  
responsible for own actions ..... Galatians 6:4-5  
can't blame God for your sins ..... Proverbs 1:29-31  
..... James 1:13-15

## **Character**

God judges by character, not appearance ..... 1 Samuel 16:7  
a wife of noble character ..... Proverbs 12:4  
..... Proverbs 31  
how ours is strengthened ..... Romans 5:3-4

## **Children**

how they are affected by the sins of their parents ..... Exodus 34:6-7  
parent-child relationships ..... Numbers 30:3-8  
..... Ephesians 6:1-4  
teach them scripture..... Deuteronomy 6:6-9  
preparing children to fulfill God's call ..... 1 Chronicles 22:7-10  
created by God..... Psalm 139:13-16  
a blessing from God..... Psalm 127:3-5

### **Children continued ...**

discipline of children ..... Proverbs 13:24  
pray for them ..... Job 1:5  
encourage them to follow wisdom ..... Proverbs 4:3-4  
teaching them to make their own choices ..... Proverbs 22:6  
teaching them life's lessons you've learned ..... Joel 1:3  
our responsibility to teach them in faith ..... Matthew 18:6  
..... 2 Timothy 3:15  
parental discipline ..... Ephesians 6:4  
don't provoke them ..... Colossians 3:21

### **Choices**

consequences of poor choices ..... Genesis 2:15-17  
long-range effects of ..... Proverbs 1:10-19  
..... Galatians 6:7-8

### **Circumstances**

look at yours from God's point of view ..... 1 Samuel 17:26  
God has put you where you are for a purpose ..... Esther 4:13-14  
how believers can act to ..... Psalm 16:7-9

### **Commitment**

learned through being tested ..... Genesis 22:7-12  
how we live shows our commitment to God ..... Joshua 24:15  
brings action..... Psalm 37:5  
commit to praising God daily ..... Psalm 61:8

### **Communication**

listen ..... James 1:19-20  
speak wisely ..... Proverbs 10:19  
anger ..... Proverbs 15:1  
reconcile quickly..... Ephesians 4:26-27  
speak truth with love ..... Ephesians 4:15  
should be helpful..... Ephesians 4:29

### **Complaining**

angers God ..... Numbers 11:1-4  
comes from forgetting what we have ..... Numbers 11:4-9  
refrain from ..... Philippians 2:14-16  
..... James 5:9  
..... 1 Peter 4:9  
be content instead ..... Philippians 4:11-12

### **Conflict**

take the initiative to solve ..... Genesis 13:5-9  
..... Matthew 18:15-17

### **Conflict continued...**

when it's wise to avoid them ..... Genesis 26:17-22  
finding peace in conflict ..... John 14:27  
get rid of conflict ..... Ephesians 4:31-32  
forgiveness in conflict ..... Colossians 3:13

### **Consequences**

of even a small sin is deadly ..... Genesis 3:17-19  
..... Romans 6:23

### **Criticism**

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criticizing others for your own weaknesses ..... 2 Samuel 12:1-7  
how do you react to ..... Psalm 141:5  
..... Acts 8:24  
how it becomes hypocritical ..... Luke 6:41-42  
don't be defensive when criticized ..... 2 Corinthians 7:8-11  
..... Galatians 4:16  
danger of criticism ..... Galatians 5: 14-15  
keep your conduct above criticism ..... 1 Peter 3:16

### **Deceit**

commanded not to ..... Exodus 20:16  
more powerful than we realize ..... Judges 16:19  
an abomination to God ..... Proverbs 6:16-19  
leads to disaster ..... Proverbs 19:9

### **Disagreements**

don't start them ..... Proverbs 17:14  
they are foolish ..... Proverbs 20:3  
benefits of resolving them quickly..... Matthew 5:25-26  
cause of ..... James 4:1-2

### **Discouragement**

God is with you ..... Joshua 1:9  
don't let people discourage you ..... 1 Samuel 17:28-32  
..... Nehemiah 4:1-5  
trust God ..... Jeremiah 29:11  
..... Proverbs 3:5-6  
turning it into opportunity ..... Philippians 1:12-14

### **Dishonesty**

worrying about getting caught vs. doing right ..... Genesis 27:11-12  
don't be ..... Exodus 20:16  
..... Colossians 3:9-10  
displeasing to God ..... Proverbs 20:23

## **Disobedience**

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makes our lives more difficult ..... 1 Samuel 13:13-14  
..... Jeremiah 7:23  
only pretending to obey God ..... Matthew 21:28-31

## **Divorce**

how God feels about it ..... Malachi 2:13-16  
wrong attitudes toward ..... Matthew 5:31-32  
and adultery..... Matthew 5:32  
why God's law made provision for ..... Matthew 19:7-9  
Jesus' words about ..... Matthew 19:4-6  
..... Mark 10:6-9  
..... Luke 16:18  
staying with an unbelieving spouse ..... 1 Corinthians 7:12-16

## **Ego**

affects testimony ..... John 5:31  
opinion of self ..... Romans 12:3  
look not to your own interests ..... Philippians 2:1-10

## **Employers**

employer-employee relationships ..... Proverbs 25:13  
..... Ephesians 6:6-8  
..... Titus 2:9-10  
submitting to them even when unjust ..... 1 Peter 2:18-21

## **Endurance**

essential to faith ..... Mark 13:13  
an evidence to salvation ..... Matthew 10:22  
..... Hebrews 3:6  
..... 2 Timothy 2:10-12

## **Eternal Life**

how to get it ..... John 3:16  
..... John 17:3  
..... 1 John 5:12  
begins at spiritual rebirth ..... John 5:24  
gate to it is narrow ..... Matthew 7:13-14  
comes through faith not just being good ..... Matthew 7:21-23  
cling to this life and lose eternal life ..... Matthew 10:39  
security of ..... John 14:1-3

## **Excuses**

don't look for excuses to leave your marriage ..... Matthew 5:32  
for avoiding what God wants you to do ..... Matthew 25:24-30

## **Failure**

God sees past it ..... Micah 7:8  
..... Romans 3:23  
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don't repeat those of others ..... Isaiah 42:23-25

## **Faith**

lack of it brings series of problems ..... Genesis 16:3  
grows with exercise ..... Genesis 50:24  
complaining can show lack of ..... Exodus 14:11-12  
lack of it brings troubles ..... Numbers 20:3-5  
involves endurance to the end ..... Joshua 14:6-12  
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## **Fear**

two reasons not to ..... Genesis 15:1  
it is normal but shouldn't paralyze us ..... Genesis 46:3-4  
don't respond to crisis with ..... Exodus 14:10-14  
don't be afraid ..... Exodus 20:20  
..... Matthew 10:31  
..... John 6:18-20  
never alone ..... Joshua 1:5  
God gives us peace of mind ..... Psalm 23:4  
..... John 14:27

## **Friends/Friendships**

with the wicked ..... Psalm 1:1  
importance of ..... Proverbs 11:14  
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who yours are says much about you ..... Proverbs 13:20  
loyalty a true test of ..... Proverbs 17:17  
become one to others ..... Proverbs 18:24  
affected by angry ones ..... Proverbs 22:24-25  
broken ones can harm our relationship with God ..... Matthew 5:23-24  
how to treat them ..... Luke 6:31  
..... Romans 12:10  
..... Ephesians 4:29-32  
befriending those who hurt you ..... Romans 12:19-21  
affect morals ..... 1 Corinthians 15:33

## **Forgiveness**

complete ..... Genesis 50:15-21  
..... Luke 15:20-24  
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..... 1 John 1:9  
God is forgiving ..... Psalm 86:4-5

### **Forgiveness continued...**

means forgetting the wrong committed against you ..... Psalm 103:8-12  
God won't forgive those who don't forgive others ..... Matthew 6:14-15  
..... Mark 11:25

found only in faith in Christ ..... John 20:23  
how often should we grant it ..... Matthew 18:22  
don't withhold it from others ..... Matthew 18:35

### **Greed**

hard on family..... Proverbs 15:27  
be on guard against ..... Luke 12:15  
comes from pride ..... James 4:4-6  
brings ruin ..... 1Timothy 6:9-10  
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### **Hardheartedness**

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God's word can't take root in a hardened heart ..... Jeremiah 4:3  
what it means ..... John 12:39-41  
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God's punishment for ..... Romans 11:8-10

### **Helper**

Gods design ..... Genesis 2:18-22  
..... Genesis 2:24  
..... 1 Corinthians 11:3, 8-9, 11-12  
worthy wife ..... Proverbs 12:4  
a wife of noble character ..... Proverbs 31:10-30  
powerful help ..... 2 Corinthians 1:8-11  
to give confidence ..... Proverbs 31:11-12

### **Honesty**

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### **Hope**

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..... 2 Corinthians 4:18  
how it helps us live now ..... Philippians 3:13-14  
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why it is a key to the Christian life ..... 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

## **Humility**

what it means ..... Psalm 8:3-4  
stops quarrels ..... Proverbs 13:10  
how can we humble ourselves? ..... Luke 14:11  
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## **Husbands**

commanded to love their wives ..... Ephesians 5:25a  
how should they love their wives ..... Ephesians 5:25-29  
..... 1 Peter 3:7  
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## **Impatience**

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makes us weary ..... Isaiah 40:28-29

## **In-Laws**

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giving advice ..... Exodus 18:13-24  
causing grief ..... Genesis 26:34-35  
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## **Jealousy**

strong dividing force ..... Genesis 26:12-16  
causes blind anger ..... Genesis 27:41  
can lead to other sins ..... Genesis 37:19-20  
..... James 4:2  
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## **Judging Others**

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avoid double standards when ..... Matthew 7:3-4  
why it should be left to God ..... John 8:15-16  
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Only God knows the heart ..... 1 Samuel 6:7

## **Leader**

a bold leader ..... Genesis 12:1-5  
God's design for husbands ..... Ephesians 5:22-25  
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## **Leave/Cleave**

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### **Leave/Cleave continued...**

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### **Love**

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..... 1 Corinthians 13:13  
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loving those who wrong us ..... Matthew 5:38-44  
difficult to love if you think only of yourself ..... Matthew 24:12  
real love takes effort ..... Romans 12:9-10  
love's commitment ..... Ephesians 5:25, 28-29, 33  
love's contrast ..... Proverbs 15:17  
love's choice ..... Genesis 24:64-67  
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### **Loyalty**

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transferred loyalty ..... Matthew 19:5-6  
guard your mind ..... Matthew 5:27-28  
guard your eyes ..... Psalm 101:3

### **Lust**

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how it is harmful ..... Matthew 5:27-30  
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### **Lying**

why is it dangerous to unity? ..... Ephesians 4:25  
a conscious attempt to deceive ..... Exodus 20:16  
..... Acts 5:1-9  
only compounds problems ..... Genesis 12:11-20

### **Marriage**

achieving oneness in ..... Genesis 2:18-24  
don't marry someone who is not a Christian ..... 2 Corinthians 6:14  
between a believer and unbeliever ..... 1 Corinthians 7:12-16  
finding a wife receives favor from God ..... Proverbs 18:22  
romance between husband and wife ..... Song 2:1, 4:1-7  
don't look for excuses to leave yours ..... Matthew 5:32

### **Marriage continued...**

Jesus speaks about its purpose ..... Mark 10:5-9  
intended to be permanent ..... Matthew 19:7-8  
..... Luke 16:18  
don't assume you married the wrong person ..... 1 Corinthians 7:17  
getting married won't solve your problems ..... 1 Corinthians 7:28  
submission in ..... Ephesians 5:21-22  
..... 1 Peter 3:1-6  
spiritual leadership in ..... Ephesians 5:22-24  
how should a man love his wife ..... Ephesians 5:25-30

### **Money**

cannot bring true happiness ..... 1 Timothy 6:6-10  
don't trust your money, trust God ..... 1 Timothy 6:17, 19  
flee from the love of money..... Hebrews 13:5-6  
a rich fool ..... Luke 12:13-34  
idolatry ..... Ephesians 5:3-5  
contentment ..... Philippians 4:11-13  
dealing with the love of ..... Mark 10:17-23  
be content ..... 1 Timothy 6:6-10

### **Obedience**

Adam and Eve disobeyed ..... Genesis 3:5  
why we should obey God ..... Genesis 17:1-3  
obey and work out salvation with fear and trembling ..... Philippians 2:12  
if you love God you will obey him ..... John 14:21  
Jesus obeyed God unto death so we could have life ..... Hebrews 5:5-10  
leads to peace ..... 2 Chronicles 14:1-6

### **Parents**

children follow their example ..... Genesis 26:7-11  
teach children to follow your teaching..... Proverbs 1:8  
how their sins affect their children ..... Exodus 34:7  
teaching Scripture to their children ..... Deuteronomy 6:4-9  
instructing their children in faith ..... Psalm 22:27-31  
every little one matters to the Lord ..... Matthew 18:14  
some children go astray ..... 1 Samuel 8:1-3  
children obey parents for a good long life ..... Ephesians 6:1-4  
must encourage their children to seek wisdom ..... Proverbs 4:3-27  
disciplining their children ..... Proverbs 13:24  
don't cause the little ones to stumble ..... Matthew 18:6  
teach children to be servants in order to be great ..... Matthew 20:20

### **Patience**

God 's spirit will not contend with humans forever ..... Genesis 6:3

### **Patience continued ...**

in waiting for God's timing ..... Genesis 8  
..... John 11:5-7  
be patient in finding the one you love ..... Genesis 29:20-28  
in conceiving children ..... Genesis 30:22-24  
God uses delays to test ours ..... 1 Samuel 13:11-12

### **Prayer**

Jesus prayed for hours ..... Matthew 26:40-41  
why God may delay an answer ..... Genesis 25:21  
turn your worries into ..... Genesis 32:9-12  
..... Philippians 4:6-7  
changes attitudes and events ..... Exodus 32:9-14  
..... Acts 12:5-11  
God hears every one ..... Psalm 4:3  
pray in the morning ..... Psalm 5:1-3

### **Pride**

wounded pride makes us want to lash out ..... Numbers 22:29  
causes us to ignore danger signs ..... Judges 16  
makes us take too much of the credit ..... Judges 15:14-17  
leads to corruption ..... 1 Samuel 22:14-18  
God hates pride ..... Proverbs 8:13

### **Problems**

problems come to prove your faith ....1 Peter 1:3-7  
consider problems pure joy.... James 1:2  
if you're right with God ..... 2 Thessalonians 1:3-7  
God rescues his people from trials ..... 2 Peter 2:9  
you will be rescued ..... Deuteronomy 7:19  
don't let your worries choke the truth of scripture ..... Matthew 13:22  
do not worry about tomorrow ..... Matthew 6:34  
when you are accused do not worry about what to say ..... Luke 12:11  
do not worry about what you eat, how you live ..... Luke 12:22  
forgive those who hurt you ..... Matthew 6:14-15  
..... Luke 6:27-28

### **Religion**

beware of false religions ..... 1 Corinthians 8:5-6  
..... Galatians 1:8-9  
we know we are Christians by how we love others ..... John 13:34-35  
Jesus died for you so you could be saved ..... John 3:16  
no other gods are acceptable ..... Isaiah 43:10  
grow up in your faith ..... Hebrews 6:1-20  
only one way to heaven ..... John 14:6

## **Repentance**

healing will only come if you repent (turn) ..... 2 Chronicles 7:14  
we need continual repentance ..... Matthew 3:8  
repent in your heart and with our mouth ..... Romans 10:10  
unless you repent, you will perish ..... Luke 13:5  
what it means ..... Mark 1:15  
the wages of sin is death ..... Romans 6:23  
needed for entrance into God's kingdom ..... John 3:3

## **Respect**

wives respect your husbands ..... Ephesians 5:33  
husbands be considerate of your wives ..... 1 Peter 3:7  
respect/honor your parents ..... Ephesians 6:1-3  
show respect to everyone ..... 1 Peter 2:17

## **Romance**

true love ..... Song of Solomon 8:6-7  
a man's respect ..... 1 Peter 3:7  
love is most important trait ..... 1 Corinthians 13:1-3  
husbands love your wife ..... Ephesians 5:25  
beauty that comes from within ..... 1 Peter 3:3-4, 7

## **Salvation**

can't inherit it ..... Genesis 28:10-15  
..... Luke 3:8  
Jesus is the source of it ..... Hebrews 5:9  
Jesus the only way to ..... Matthew 7:13-14

## **Self-Centeredness**

count others as better than you ..... Philippians 2:3-4  
when you're too worried about what others think of you ..... 1 Samuel 15:30  
do not boast in yourself ..... Jeremiah 9:23  
do not become like the Pharisee ..... Luke 18:11

## **Self-Control**

shown by the ability to control your tongue ..... Proverbs 13:3  
needed to grow spiritually ..... 2 Peter 1:6  
be slow to anger ..... Proverbs 16:32

## **Selfishness**

how it causes quarrels ..... James 4:1-3  
..... Proverbs 18:1  
get rid of self-ambition ..... 2 Corinthians 12:20  
..... Galatians 5:20  
..... Philippians 2:3

## **Sex**

the Lord detests prostitution ..... Deuteronomy 23:17-18  
sexual relationships in marriage ..... Proverbs 5:18-20  
..... Song of Solomon  
better to marry than to burn with lust ..... 1 Corinthians 7:9  
sexual desires must be placed under God's control ..... 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8  
sex within marriage ..... 1 Corinthians 7:2-5  
sexual purity ..... 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8  
keep the marriage bed pure ..... Hebrews 13:4

## **Sexual Sin**

consequences often devastating ..... Genesis 34  
resisting it ..... Genesis 39:9  
consequences in the old law ..... Leviticus 20:10-21  
..... Deuteronomy 23:17-18  
do not interact with a temptress ..... Judges 16  
wisdom will save you ..... Proverbs 2:16-17  
always hurts someone ..... Proverbs 6:25-35  
we can be turned over to our shameful lusts ..... Romans 1:26-27  
ways to avoid ..... Proverbs 7:24-27  
committing mental adultery ..... Matthew 5:27-28  
how lust is harmful ..... Matthew 5:27-28  
why God forbids sexual sin ..... 1 Corinthians 6:13-20  
..... Revelation 2:20  
why it is not freedom but enslavement ..... 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

## **Submission**

what it really means ..... 1 Corinthians 11:3  
..... 1 Peter 3:1-7  
how it should be handled ..... 1 Corinthians 11:9-11  
why submit ..... Colossians 3:18  
respect through submission ..... Ephesians 5:33  
how to submit ..... 1 Peter 3:1-6, Ephesians 5:22-24  
wives can win husbands without words ..... 1 Peter 5:1-7

## **Tithing**

purpose and principles of ..... Deuteronomy 14:22-23  
..... 2 Corinthians 8:10-15  
to be given first ..... Exodus 22:29  
giving your best ..... Deuteronomy 17:1  
giving sacrificially ..... 2 Corinthians 8:2-5  
deciding how much to give ..... 2 Corinthians 8:12  
other benefits of ..... 2 Corinthians 9:12-15

## **Trust**

trust in him, lean not on your own understanding ..... Proverbs 3:5  
trusting in yourself is foolish ..... Proverbs 28:26  
trust in his love ..... Psalm 13:5  
trust in him and he will act ..... Psalm 37:5  
trust in God's power and provision ..... 1 Samuel 17  
blessed is the man who trusts God ..... Psalm 40:4

## **Unity**

seek it in marriage ..... 1 Corinthians 7:15-16  
become one with believers ..... John 17  
must be worked at ..... Ephesians 4:1-6  
achieving unity in marriage ..... Ephesians 5:22-24

## **Wisdom**

we should ask God for ..... James 1:5  
wise people listen to advice ..... Proverbs 12:15  
what true wisdom is ..... Proverbs 1:7-9  
the foolishness of God is wiser than man ..... 1 Corinthians 1:25  
he who trusts in himself is a fool ..... Proverbs 28:26  
no wisdom will succeed against the Lord ..... Proverbs 21:30  
worldly wise will be put to shame ..... Jeremiah 8:9  
comes from walking with God ..... Luke 2:40

## **Wives**

how should wives submit to their husbands? ..... 1 Corinthians 11:9-11  
..... Ephesians 5:22-24  
how should a husband love his wife? ..... Ephesians 5:25-30  
..... 1 Peter 3:7  
must leave to cleave ..... Ephesians 5:31-33

## **Worry**

don't worry about details beyond your control ..... Genesis 7:16  
don't worry about your life, body, clothing ..... Matthew 6:24-34  
turn your worries into prayers ..... Philippians 4:6-7  
cast your anxieties on him ..... 1 Peter 5:7  
God will supply all your needs ..... Philippians 4:19  
don't worry if you can't understand everything ..... Proverbs 20:24  
Holy Spirit gives us the right words to say ..... Matthew 10:19-20

## **Scripture references when teaching the Fight Plan and Negotiation Tool**

Strive for peace and harmony ..... 2 Corinthians 13:11  
Fathers do not exasperate your children ..... Ephesians 6:4  
Husbands be considerate with your wives ..... 1 Peter 3:7  
Wives obtain a gentle quiet spirit ..... 1 Peter 3:4  
Wives win husbands over without words .... 1 Peter 3:1  
Anger never produces righteousness ..... James 1:20

## **Scriptures on repentance when using the Seven Core Heart Issues Tool**

(Also refer to the scriptures under each 'core sin' on page 6 of the tool)

Open your heart, turn from your sin, then healing will come ..... Matthew 13:15  
Repent then turn to God for refreshing times ..... Acts 3:19  
Repentance will yield true healing ..... 2 Chronicles 7:14  
Confess sins to each other to be healed ..... James 5:16

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## **SCRIPTURES BY CATEGORY**

### **Communication and Conflict Resolution**

Your sin prompts your mouth	Job 15:5
Stay silent and don't sin	Proverbs 10:19
Words sooth and destroy	Proverbs 15:4, Proverbs 18:21
Guarding your words protect you from harm	Proverbs 21:23
Gentle words carry power	Proverbs 25:15
Loose words make religion worthless	James 1:26
Words set the course of your life on fire	James 3:5-9

### **Compatibility and Personality Traits**

Live in peace and holiness	Hebrews 12:14
A gentle response is powerful	Proverbs 15:1
Discover and put on the fruit of the spirit	Galatians 5:22-23
Work together with one another	1 Corinthians 1:10, Philippians 2

## Friends and Hobbies

Absence of Godly friends is dangerous	Ecclesiastes 4:8
All secrets will be exposed	Ecclesiastes 12:14
Choose friends carefully	Proverbs 12:26
A friend is closer than a brother/sister	Proverbs 18:24
A real friend speaks hurtful truth	Proverbs 27:6
Godly friends sharpen each other	Proverbs 27:17
Godly friends can save you	Timothy 2:25-26

## Family and In-laws

Live in peace and holiness	Hebrews 12:14
A gentle response is powerful	Proverbs 15:1
Discover and put on the fruit of the spirit	Galatians 5:22-23
Work together with one another	1 Corinthians 1:10 Philippians 2

## Sex and Romance

Sensual romantic scriptures	Song of Solomon
Intimacy protects from Satan	1 Corinthians 7:2-5
What to do if he/she cheats	Hosea 1-3
Forgive	Matthew 18:21, Luke 17:4

## Faith and Values

Forgive everyone	Mark 11:25-26
Life after salvation	John 8:31-32
Obey Him	John 14:15-24
How to secure your faith in God	Romans 10:9-13
Be peaceful	Romans 12:18
Do good works because you are saved	Ephesians 2:10
Pray often	Ephesians 6:18
Clothe yourself with righteousness	Philippians 4:8
	Colossians 3:12, Titus 2:11-14

## Lifestyle

Avoid over eating	Proverbs 23:21
Avoid strong drink	Isaiah 5:11
Do not get drunk	Ephesians 5:18
Be self-controlled and disciplined	Titus 1:8
Do not cause brother to stumble	Romans 14:21



## Parenting

Teach biblical truths to your children all day  
Train up a child  
Fathers do not exasperate your children  
Honor your parents

Deuteronomy 6:6-9  
Proverbs 22:6  
Colossians 3:21  
Ephesians 6:1-3  
Proverbs 20:20  
1 Timothy 5:8  
Leviticus 20:9  
Proverbs 29:15  
Proverbs 13:24  
Proverbs 19:18  
Hebrews 12:11

Disciplining children

## Money

Cannot bring true happiness  
Don't trust your money, trust God  
Flee from the love of money  
A rich fool  
Idolatry  
Store up treasures in heaven  
Give to the needy and do not boast

1 Timothy 6:6-10  
1 Timothy 6:17, 19  
Hebrews 13:5-6  
Luke 12:13-34  
Ephesians 5:3-5  
Matthew 6:19-24  
Matthew 6:1-4

### *Tithing*

Purpose and principles of

To be given first  
Giving your best  
Giving sacrificially  
Deciding how much to give  
Other benefits of

Deuteronomy 14:22-23  
2 Corinthians 8:10-15  
Exodus 22:29  
Deuteronomy 17:1  
2 Corinthians 8:2-5  
2 Corinthians 8:12  
2 Corinthians 9:12-15

## Loyalty

Loyalty to your spouse  
Satan is seeking after you  
Satan is a deceiver  
We can be ignorant of Satan's schemes  
Anger can give Satan a foothold

Hosea  
1 Peter 5:8  
Revelation 12:9  
2 Corinthians 2:10-11  
Ephesians 6:11-12

## SPECIAL CATEGORIES

### Premarital

Leave and cleave	Genesis 2:24
Married for life	Mark 10:9
Marital unity	Matthew 19:6
Build your marriage	Proverbs 14:1
Happily married	Deuteronomy 24:5
Never give up	1 Corinthians 7:10-24
From hurt to hope	Malachi 2:16
Marriages built on prayer	Philippians 4:6-7

### Premarital Couples Cohabiting

If you burn with passion	1 Corinthians 7:8-9
There is a way that seems right	Proverbs 14:12
Sex was meant for marriage	Hebrews 13:4
Fornication (sex out of wedlock) NKJV	1 Corinthians 6:18, 7:2, 10:8 2 Corinthians 12:21, Galatians 5:19 Colossians 3:5, 1 Thessalonians 4:3

## FINAL THOUGHTS

Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in selecting the right verses and delivering them at the right time. Paul tells us in Galatians, the most important thing is exercising our faith through love. In other words, be as loving as you can when you use scripture to teach, correct, admonish and rebuke.

Try to select scriptures that are relative to the specific issues you are 'rounding the bases' with.

Never be afraid to take people to the cross for repentance, forgiveness, salvation and restoration. Be bold.

Refer to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com) as a great tool to look up scripture and dive into studies on your own.

All scripture is God breathed and can transform hearts and lives. Get into the habit of using the bible to help marriages, shape lives and offer healing that can only come through the Lord and His word.