

Wisdom Brings Hope

In the movie *FireProof*, there is a dialogue between Caleb (Kirk Cameron) and his friend Michael Simmons (Ken Bevel) in which Michael talks to Caleb about studying his spouse. He explains that we must study our spouse throughout our marriage so that we can eventually earn a Ph.D. in our spouse.

Many couples argue that their spouse is not the same person they married. We often find this very interesting as how many people are ever exactly the same from one year to the next? People are constantly changing throughout their lives based on new circumstances, their experiences, things they read, what they are taught and the people they encounter. Just being married changes us, as we become one with our spouse. Philippians 1:6 also talks about God's work in our lives as he changes us from the inside out. In other words, we should expect that our spouse will change. The key is to constantly study your spouse so that you can grow with them as you are both changed.

God knit your spouse together in the womb and knows them intimately. Is there a better place to go to learn about your spouse than the one that created your spouse? Ask God to give you the wisdom and knowledge to understand your spouse, and give you the keys to your spouse's heart.

When you develop an intimate knowledge of your spouse, you will be able to demonstrate your love in greater ways. You will be able to respond to their fears, dreams, goals, desires, anxieties, and motivations. A couple that is able to respond to each other in this way will be better able to withstand the challenges of life and experience an exciting and fulfilling marriage full of hope.

Blessings,

Brian and Trudy

Know also that wisdom is sweet to your soul; if you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

- Proverbs 24:14