

Building Stronger Marriages **When Conflict Arises**

Ephesians 4:22-32

- A. Remember the days when stories ended in "and they lived happily ever after?"
- B. But that is not true with so many marriages today.
- C. Three primary reasons why some families have more conflict than others.

I. We fail to have a common faith.

- A. The Bible says we are not to be unequally yoked together.

II. There are unrealistic expectations.

- A. Most people believe that there is a Mr. or Miss Right out there.
- B. When dating, we are always on our best behavior and when the real person comes out we feel we have made a mistake.

III. The ignorance between men and women.

- A. We have been brainwashed into thinking that men and women are alike.
- B. Sexual conflicts are due to this misunderstanding.
- C. It is often the reason for conflict in money matters.
- D. And men and women think differently about the house.

IV. Four words that provide a step by step Biblical process for resolving conflict.

- A. Prioritize
- B. Analyze
- C. Verbalize
- D. Compromise