

Social Distancing Does Not Mean Marital Distancing

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“Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.” (1 Peter 2:17–18)

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.” (Ephesians 5:25–27)

2. _____ **with Her.**

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“Her children rise up and bless her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: “Many daughters have done nobly, But you excel them all.” (Proverbs 31:28–29)

6. _____ **with and for Her.**

“... and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.”

Conclusion:

Marital isolation and distancing is not good and is not what God had in mind when He said that the two should become “one flesh.” If barriers, hurts, bad habits, other loves, etc. exist in your marriage, you must radically remove them now. Allowing them to become entrenched in your life is driving you and your spouse further apart.

You must then radically put in place the six actions that Peter mentions above to build intimacy in your marriage.

Answers: Prefer, Partner, Probe, Protect, Provide, Prize, Praise, Pray.

