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*“And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”  
(Matthew 19:5-6)*

## CONCLUSION

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## MESSAGE TITLE: EXCEEDING HER NEED FOR HONESTY AND OPENNESS

*“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.” (Song of Solomon 2:10)*

*“And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.” (Malachi 2:15)*

*“Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.” (Leviticus 19:11)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;” (Colossians 3:9)*

## 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Honesty and Openness

*“The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.” (Proverbs 11:3)*

### A. They provide a clear \_\_\_\_\_ for marital adjustment

*“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)*



**Quote:** “A lack of transparency covers up both the problems themselves and the solutions to those problems.”—  
**Willard Harley**

**B. Dishonesty, or covering the truth in some way, is painfully \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.” (2 Corinthians 8:21)*

*“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.” (Ephesians 4:25)*

**C. It meets an \_\_\_\_\_ emotional need**

*“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” (Luke 6:31)*

**Quote:** “Reveal to your spouse as much information about yourself as you know—your thoughts, feelings, habits, likes, dislikes, past history, daily activities, and future plans.”

- i. Emotional Honesty
- ii. Historical Honesty

**Quote:** “Honesty and openness don’t drive a spouse away—dishonesty does!”

- iii. Current Honesty

**Quote:** “The easiest way to stay out of trouble is to shine a bright light on everything you do.”

- iv. Future Honesty

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Honesty and Openness

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ demands**

*“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” (Philippians 2:3)*

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ judgements**

*“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.” (1 Corinthians 15:33)*

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ outbursts**

*“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (James 1:19–20)*

**D. Dwell on \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13–14)*

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Honesty and Openness

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ security**

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ closeness**

**C. \_\_\_\_\_ privacy**

**Definition:** Privacy—keeping part of yourself hidden from your spouse.