

BIBLICAL REFERENCES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESSENTIAL SKILLS FOR MARRIAGE MENTORING

Building Rapport

- Show proper respect to everyone. I Peter 2:17
- Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt. Colossians 4:6

Walking in Another Couple's Shoes

- The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. Ecclesiastes 9:17
- Live in harmony with one another. I Peter 3:8

Working as a Team

- What God has joined together, let man not separate. Mark 10:9
- Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19

Agreeing on Outcomes

- Those who plan what is good find love and faithfulness. Proverbs 4:18
- We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. II Corinthians 10:5

Asking Meaningful Questions

- An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips. Proverbs 24:26
- Each of you should look not only to your own interest, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

Listening Aggressively

- He who answers before listing – that is his folly and his shame. Proverbs 18:13
- Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak. James 1:19

Fielding Any Question They Throw at You

- Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God. Give me relief from my distress; be merciful to me and hear my prayer. Psalm 4:1
- The one who fears is not made perfect in love. I John 4:18

Telling Your Stories

- But Moses said to the Lord, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?" Exodus 6:30
- Remind the people ... to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility. Titus 3:1-2

Praying Together

- This is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. Philippians 1:9
- And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Matthew 6:7

Staying Sharp and Refreshed

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on our own understanding; in all our ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight. Proverbs 3:5
- There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven ... a time to be silent and a time to speak. Ecclesiastes 3:1,7

Being Yourself and Going with the Flow

- Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. James 3:13
- A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Proverbs 25:11