

Love Killers—3

Keep a Good Marriage From Drifting

A Christian couple believes in God, but a Christ-centered couple builds their life around Him.

“... The people are saying, ‘The time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the LORD.’”³ Then the LORD sent this message through the prophet Haggai: ⁴“Why are you living in luxurious houses while my house lies in ruins? ⁵... Look at what’s happening to you! ⁶You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes!” Haggai 1:2–6 NLT

If you don’t fix the hole, it doesn’t matter how much you pour in—your marriage will still leak.

“I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ... ⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. ...” Revelation 2:2, 4–5 NIV

... “Give careful thought to your ways. ⁸Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored” ... Haggai 1:7–8 NIV

- **4% of Christian couples pray together regularly.**
- **Of those who do, fewer than 1% divorce.**

Don’t expect a Christ-centered marriage in the future if you’re only getting spiritual leftovers today.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Revelation 2:2, 4-5** and **Matthew 6:33**. What habits help you feel closest to God? How can you seek Him first in everything you do?

What are some differences between a Christian couple and a Christ-centered couple? How could you become more like a Christ-centered couple?

Share how you'll put Christ at the center of your relationships this week. What changes do you need to make in order for Him to stay at the center of everything you do?

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