Four principles that will help us build better marriages:

I. The Principle of Spirituality

Jeanne DeTellis Loudon - New Missions:
“The number one thing that every marriage must have is spiritual compatibility. Do both individuals love Jesus and desire to find their sole purpose in life by serving Him? Will your spouse go to the same church that you want to go to? Do you both believe the same thing when it comes to how a person is saved? Do you both believe that salvation is by grace through faith and not of works? Or does one partner believe that works and baptism actually save a person? Because unless both partners agree to these biblical principles, I assure you it will cause you immediate and future problems in your marriage.”

Proverbs 18:22 (NKJV) He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 19:14 (NKJV) Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

II. The Principle of Fidelity

Proverbs 5:15-18 (NKJV) Drink water from your own cistern and running water from your own well. 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be only your own, and not for strangers with you. 18 Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of your youth.

Takeaway:
A great lover is someone who can satisfy one woman all of his life, and who can be satisfied by the same woman all of his life. A great lover isn’t someone who can go from woman to woman all of his life, because any dog can do that.

III. The Principle of Congeniality

A. Things that help our marriage

1. Having the right perspective about our stuff

Proverbs 15:16-17 (NKJV) Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, than great treasure with trouble. 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a fatted calf with hatred.
2. Having the right perspective about our spirit

*Proverbs 12:4 (NKJV)* An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.

3. Having the right perspective about our speech

*Proverbs 24:26 (NKJV)* He who gives a right answer kisses the lips.

B. Things that hinder our marriage

1. Having a nagging attitude

*Proverbs 21:9 (NKJV)* Better to dwell in a corner of a housetop, than in a house shared with a contentious woman.

*Proverbs 27:15 (NKJV)* continual dripping on a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.

2. Having a negative attitude

*Proverbs 4:24 (NKJV)* Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.

IV. The Principle of Sexuality

*Proverbs 5:19 (NKJV)* As a loving deer and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.

A. For procreation

*Genesis 1:28 (NKJV)* Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

B. For protection

*Proverbs 5:20 (NKJV)* For why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, and be embraced in the arms of a seductress?

**Takeaway:**
A satisfying sexual relationship between a husband and wife is the greatest protection any man or woman can have against sexual sin.

C. For pleasure

*Proverbs 5:19 (NKJV)* As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And always be enraptured with her love.