

# Marriage Ministry: Expanding Your Commitment

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It seems that many couples are getting more involved with “marriage ministry.” God is reaching out to a lost world and many are beginning to understand that divorce is *not* the answer to a less than perfect or even a bad marriage. The divorce rate is far too high, especially in the church. Additionally, we now see many couples not marrying, but simply cohabitating.

You may have that life-long commitment in your marriage and the “D” word may not be part of your vocabulary, but this does not mean you sit back, take it easy, and not work on your relationship. We all have to continue working on our marriages. If you are growing as a Christian and married, you should be involved in marriage ministry to some extent. Before you say; “Not me!” Let me point out some aspects of marriage ministry that you can get involved with. This does not mean that you will counsel couples or go into full-time marriage ministry, but you can expand your commitment to your own marriage and serve God through your marriage by:

- Working on your own marriage.
- Educating yourself about God’s view of marriage.
- Being pro-marriage in an anti-marriage culture.
- Praying for marriages in your sphere of influence.
- Praying for this ministry.
- Point a couple with marital difficulties to helpful resources.
- Mentoring a younger couple.
- Promoting marriage ministry in your church (we can help).
- Giving to this ministry on a regular basis.

Your marriage should be a testimony to your children and others. Being used by God to help or save a marriage is very rewarding and positively affects generations! Expand your marriage commitment; commit to being used by God to help other marriages in one, or even all of the ways above. Let us know what you are doing or how we can help.