



# The Spirit of Marriage

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*Malachi 2:11*

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### Important Truths

1. God created marriage perfectly to succeed 100% of the time.
2. We must obey God's plan in order to succeed in marriage.

*Genesis 2:7*

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### I. Three Foundational Truths About the Holy Spirit and Marriage

1. The Holy Spirit binds us together spirit-to-spirit in the closest intimacy possible.  
*Malachi 2:15; Matthew 19:6*
  2. The Holy Spirit fills us and meets our deepest needs that no human being can meet.
  3. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love and relate to each other beyond our human abilities.  
*1 John 4:16; Galatians 5:22–23*
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### II. Seven Specific Benefits Freely Available from the Holy Spirit

*John 16:7; 14:16–17*

1. **Unity**  
*Ephesians 4:1–3*
2. **Personal Nurturing and Comfort**  
*John 14:15–18; Genesis 1:27*
3. **Spiritual Grace**  
*Acts 1:8*
4. **Emotional Grace**  
*Galatians 5:22–23*
5. **Physical Grace**

*Romans 8:11*

**6. Mental Grace**

*John 16:12–15*

**7. Vision and Supernatural Guidance**

*John 16:13; Acts 2:17–18; Proverbs 29:18*

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**Process of Having a Vision Retreat**

- a. Surrender your life and marriage to God.
- b. Invite the Holy Spirit to lead you and to fill you with His love for each other.
- c. Talk and pray for three or four hours and then have fun for the rest of the day.
- d. If you can't work through an issue, come back to it or decide to get help when you get home.
- e. Talk and pray through all of the issues until you have peace and believe you know God's will. Write it down!
- f. Review your vision regularly and talk about it.

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**III. How to Receive and Relate to the Holy Spirit**

1. As a free gift received by faith.
2. As a Person.
3. As God.
4. Every day and concerning everything in your life and marriage.

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*What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?*

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*Scripture is from the New King James and Authorized King James versions of the Bible.*