

The Differences Between Us – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Corinthians 12:13.

B. God’s purpose for a married couple is unity—oneness of spirit.

C. There are differences between spouses that make unity difficult.

II. Pride keeps us from dealing with differences.

III. Things to avoid in communication.

A. Accusatory why questions.

B. Superlatives.

IV. Adapting to differences.

V. Part of the adventure of marriage is that spouses rub off their rough edges on each other. (Proverbs 27:17)

Application questions:

1. What are some differences you have with your spouse that cause conflict?

2. How can you communicate about those differences in a healthy way?

3. What are some ways you can adapt to your spouse? Explain.
