

# 3 FOLD CORD

Building Lasting Marriages on a Firm Foundation

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## *Weekly Devotional*

WEEK SIX -

### *Don't Throw Stones*

*They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!"* John 8:7  
(NLT)

Our Scripture text this week, speaks to us about a very important issue when it comes to how we handle conflict. So often when we are angry or upset about some issue, we are all too ready to let our words fly releasing harsh words of condemnation, and criticism. This though is likened in Scripture to stoning. When we hurl sharp words with the intent to instill what we deem to be needed correction, we are actually attempting to drive our point home with judgment, something that God clearly states in Scripture is for Him alone. (Romans 12:19)

If we will instead make the *issue* the target aiming to find a solution, we can make positive headway, both of us still standing and our marriage intact. The Bible tells us not to allow any corrupt words proceed out of our mouths, saying instead that our words should always be spoken with the intent of *edification* not for *justification*. If we will make it a point to remember that we all have areas that need work and address the issues at hand instead of making our spouse the target, we will begin to experience team victory! Let's take one for the team, and resist speaking harsh words and speak words that will bring life instead.

*Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)