

There are only 5 problems in Marriage



**Love is...
Meeting Needs
Pursuing
Pleasing**



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Ignoring Needs



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Ignoring Needs

Husband	Wife
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.

Table Discussion

Which need did you try and improve this week?
Where did your spouse improve?



Ignoring Needs

Husband	Wife
1. HONOR	1. RESPECT
2. UNDERSTANDING	2. ADAPT
3. SECURITY	3. DOMESTIC LEADERSHIP
4. BUILDING UNITY	4. INTIMACY
5. AGREEMENT	5. COMPANIONSHIP
6. NUTURE	6. ATTRACTIVE SOUL & BODY
7. DEFENDER	7. LISTENER



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Immature Behaviors



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Immature Behaviors

Level 1:

Level 2:

Level 3:



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Level 1:

Thoughtless Immaturity

**Normal, Inadvertent, Omissions
Blind Spots, Cultural, Personality
Socio-Economic, Family**



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Level 1: Thoughtless Immaturity

If you focus here you will destroy your marriage. 1 Corinthians 13

Focus on the positives



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Level 1: Thoughtless Immaturity

Truly Apologize:

I apologize for something every 2 weeks

Go deeper on repeating behavior



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Level 1: Thoughtless Immaturity

1. Gentle
2. Seek Education
3. Admit Wrong
4. Seek Forgiveness
5. Repentance Plan



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Level 2:

Intentional Immaturity

Anti-needs, Intentional, Message



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Honor: Dishonor, Devalue, Demean, Dismissive, Unsympathetic,
Understanding: Unapologetic, Self-focused,
Security: Financially reckless, Lazy, Angry, Critical, Comparing,
 Physical, Emotional, Mental or Spiritual Abuse
Building Unity: Uninvolved, Spouse as enemy
Agreement: Impulsive decisions, Win/Lose decisions,
Nurture: Selfish Leadership – Ignoring her opinions, Business
 conversation – no listening – no feelings – no vulnerability, Avoid/
 Ignore Romance, Little tenderness – no affection
Defender: Lack of protection and defense, your on your own



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Respect: Disrespect, Focus on weakness
Adapt: Resistance, Rebellion, Scheming
Domestic Leadership: Lack of involvement in home, Someone
 else' s job attitude
Intimacy: Withholding intimacy, on her schedule or interest, Lack
 of understanding of both cycles
Companionship: Unwillingness to become a friend, to try his
 things, new things, self-focus, demands to try your things
Attractive Soul and Body: Ungrateful, unkind, unattractive,
 unkempt, negative
Listener: Judgmental, Uninterested, Reactive



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Level 3:

Destructive / Addictive Immaturity



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Affairs, Pornography

Illegal, Unethical, Robbery, Deception

Addictions, Abandonment

Violence



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How many levels is your marriage dealing with?



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The 8 Solutions



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Apology:

I'm sorry,
I was wrong,
You were right,
Will you forgive me?



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Alignment:

How were you seeing... ?
the weekend, the budget, the vacation,
the discipline, the schedule



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Turn to your spouse and say:
I am sorry, I apologize for not being better

Let's align our expectations about this week
and this weekend:



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Thoughtful Requests:
Could we consider doing this...?



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

More Love:
Meet their needs at a new level,
Pursue their soul,
Please them



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Make 2 thoughtful requests:

How could you meet your spouse's needs;
pursue their soul; please them more?



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Clarifying Conversation:

I saw, I heard, I feel,
Expect a vent,
What should be done to correct.



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Stop Enabling – Tough Love - Consequences



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Change a Behavior:

Intervention,
Boundarize their behavior,
Disconnect



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Have you known couples that have had to have hard conversations what happened?

Have you known marriages where one spouse had to implement tough love measures?



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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Patience:

Let God convict,
Focus on other areas,
Some one else brings change

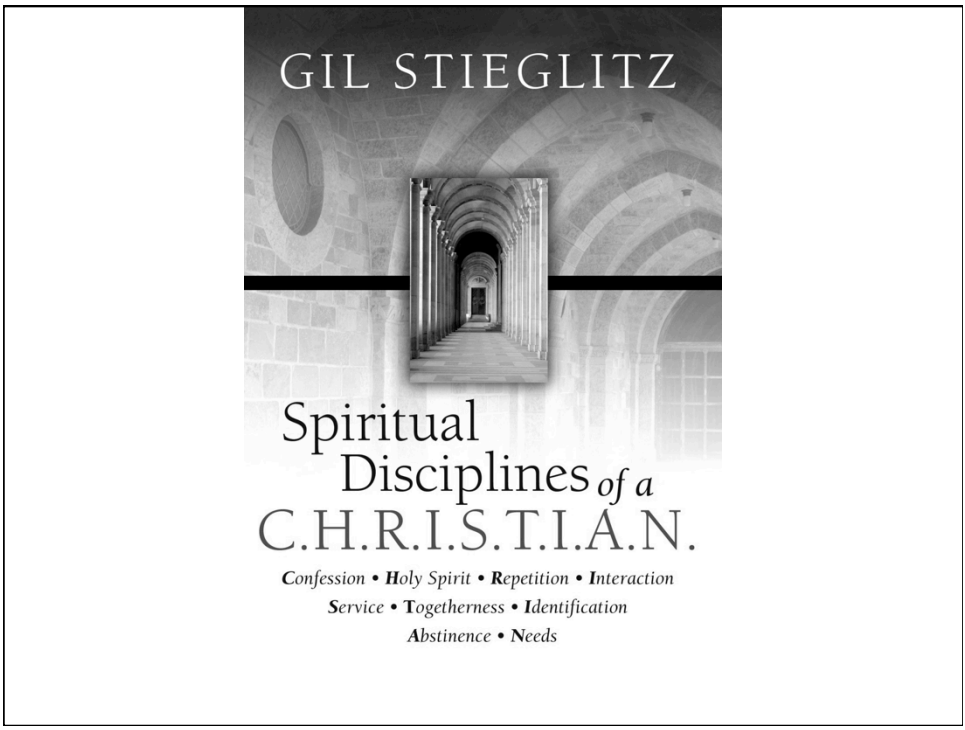
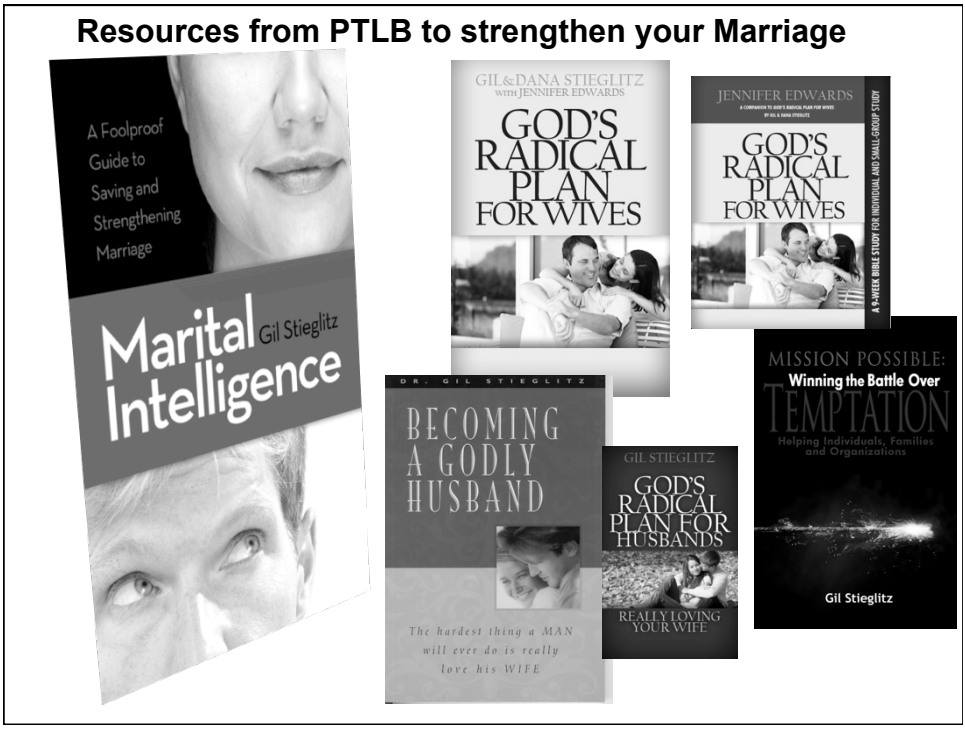


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Immature Behaviors Solutions:

Which ones are you familiar with?
Which one is the new for you?
Which one is the hardest for you to try?

Resources from PTLB to strengthen your Marriage





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Solutions:

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