MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ➢ I will memorize **1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)**
- ➢ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ➢ I will join the New Life church family
- ➢ I will do the work necessary to have a happy marriage
- ➢ I am interested in the Marriage Workshop

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The Relationship Code: Unlocking the Secrets of Healthy Relationships

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"Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex." **Hebrews 13:4 (MSG)**

"Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I do. But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion." **1 Corinthians 7:8–9 (NIV)**

4 MISCONCEPTIONS OF MARRIAGE

1. **I HAVE TO BE MARRIED IN ORDER TO BE _____.**

2. **A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE IS ALL ABOUT BEING IN _____.**

3. **THE PERSON I MARRY WILL _____ ME.**

4. **I MAY HAVE MARRIED THE _____ PERSON.**

Stage 1: Engagement 1 + 1 = _____

An Engagement is a period of time for couples to deal with their _____.

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."
Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

UNLOCKING THE MARRIAGE CODE

"Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?" **2 Corinthians 6:14–15 (NLT)**

Stage 2: Ceremony 1 + 1 = _____

"This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame." **Genesis 2:24–25 (NLT)**

THE REQUIREMENT FOR _____ IS TWO COMPLETE PEOPLE.

Marriage is not meant to be the place where one gets completed as a person.

WE MUST UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPLETING AND _____ EACH OTHER.

Stage 3: Committed 1 + 1 = _____

"Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose." **Philippians 2:2 (NLT)**

"Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace." **Ephesians 4:3 (NLT)**

A COMPLETE PERSON:

1. CAN _____ CLEARLY.
"An unreliable messenger can cause a lot of trouble. Reliable communication permits progress." **Proverbs 13:17 (LB)**

2. IS _____ OF OTHERS.
"Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another." **Ephesians 4:2 (GNB)**

3. IS ABLE TO _____.
"Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs." **1 Corinthians 13:5 (GNB)**

4. UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF _____.
"A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love." **Proverbs 5:19 (NIV)**

5. IS WILLING TO _____ TO THE RELATIONSHIP.
"I hate divorce, says the Lord God of Israel. I hate it when one of you does such a cruel thing to his wife. Make sure that you do not break your promise to be faithful to your wife." **Malachi 2:16 (GNB)**

MEMORY VERSE: *"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."* **1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)**

6. LOVES LIKE _____ LOVES.
"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." **Philippians 2:5 (NIV)**

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 20:28 (NIV)**

I WILL WORK ON THE SKILLS I NEED TO BE A _____ PERSON.