

## A Marriage Minute™

A simple help to make your marriage just a little better this week.

### ACCEPTING ONE ANOTHER



**Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.** --Rom. 15:7

Can we accept one another just as we are, without thinking that one is better than the other? The Bible teaches that there is no difference.

You see, the law cannot be kept in part. Once a law is broken, the individual is counted guilty for breaking every law in the Book. (James 2:10). Therefore both husband and wife are equally guilty, but Praise God, they are also equally forgiven in Christ! That's why it's been said that the ground is level at the cross. No one can stand taller than the other.

We need to accept one another, not for what we are, because we all fall short, but for who we are—God's gift to one another. If God were to extend his arm down through the clouds, and say, "Here, I have a gift for you." He opens his hand and there you see a piece of coal. What would you do with that gift? Would you discard it? Treat it irreverently, because it's only a piece of coal? Or would you value it highly because of who gave you the gift? So it is with your spouse. He or she is not to be valued for what they are, but for who they are -- God's gift to you. You may see a piece of coal, but God sees a diamond in the making, no different than yourself.

So let's make a decision today to accept one another, just as Christ accepts us, not for what we are, but for who we are- God's gift to one another -*diamonds in the making!*

**Question to ask each other:** Can you truly see me as God's gift to you? Are there certain things you find difficult to accept?

**Prayer for both of us:** Lord, help us to realize that neither one of us is better than the other. We've all sinned and fall short of your glory. Help us to accept one another just as we are, as we both struggle to change day by day for the better.

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