

If Your Mate Needs Changing, Here's How

(I dedicate myself to help you become the best possible you)

(SERIES: Accept No Mediocre Marriage; 06 of 10)
by Dr. David Foster

"He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD." (Prov 18:22)

Make Me Miserable, Please!

You should **nag** me about my **faults**.

"Better to live on a corner of the **roof** than share a house with a quarrelsome wife." (Prov 25:24)

You should **compare** me with **others**.

"We do not dare to classify or **compare** ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and **compare** themselves with themselves, they are not wise." (2 Cor 10:12)

You should **criticize** me to **friends**.

"Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble." (Pro 25:19 NIV)

You should **attack** me at **my weakest**.

"With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be." (Jam 3:9-10 NIV)

You should **minimize** my **efforts**.

As an Agent of Change

"And let us consider one another **to provoke** unto love and to good works:" (Heb 10:24)

You are a **catalyst**, not a **commander**.

"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" (1 Cor 15:33 NIV)

You have **influence**, not **power**.

You are a **model**, not a **momma**.

"Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives," (1 Pet 3:1 NIV)

You represent **compassion** with **consequences**.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." (Gal 6:7-8 NIV)

"If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that he should pray about that. All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him." (1 Joh 5:16-18)