

12■Week Weekly Marriage Homework Module

Detailed, written, repeatable assignments to complete at home each week (with Scripture and prayer).

How to Use This Workbook

This workbook is the **at■home engine** of change. Choose one consistent day each week to complete the written work together (45–60 minutes). Then complete small daily practices (5–15 minutes). Bring the pages to counseling/pastoral sessions.

Rules: (1) No insults. (2) No mind■reading. (3) Requests must be specific. (4) Problems are discussed only during scheduled meetings, not in the moment.

| Weekly Rhythm | Time | What You Do |
|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| Daily (Mon–Fri) | 5–15 min | Home reset + appreciation + short prayer |
| Weekly Planning Meeting | 30 min | Meals, kids, chores, schedules |
| Weekly Date Night | 60–90 min | Connection, not logistics |
| Weekly Workbook Meeting | 45–60 min | Write + review + assign |

Week 1 Homework Packet

Theme: Stop the bleeding: respect, predictability, and a calm tone.

Scripture: James 1:19; Proverbs 15:1

A. Written Check■In (Complete Separately, then Share)

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B. Skills Practice (Do Together)

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E. Joint Prayer (3–5 minutes)

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Week 2 Homework Packet

Theme: From complaints to requests: how to ask clearly without shaming.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:29

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Week 3 Homework Packet

Theme: Household clarity: who does what, when, and what 'done' means.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:40

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Week 4 Homework Packet

Theme: Meal and routine mastery: reduce daily stress and decision fatigue.

Scripture: Proverbs 24:3–4

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Week 5 Homework Packet

Theme: Attachment repair: meeting emotional needs and reducing withdrawal.

Scripture: Colossians 3:12–14

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Week 6 Homework Packet

Theme: Trust and transparency: boundaries that heal, not control.

Scripture: Proverbs 4:23

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Week 7 Homework Packet

Theme: Self-care and dignity: stewardship of body and home without contempt.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

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Week 8 Homework Packet

Theme: Conflict regulation: time-outs, repair, and gentle startup.

Scripture: Romans 12:18

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Week 9 Homework Packet

Theme: Parenting unity: consistent discipline, routines, and child stability.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:6–7

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Week 10 Homework Packet

Theme: Friendship and fun: rebuilding the marriage friendship system.

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

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Week 11 Homework Packet

Theme: Forgiveness and repentance: rebuilding after long-term resentment.

Scripture: Matthew 18:21–22

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Week 12 Homework Packet

Theme: Maintenance: relapse prevention and a 90-day plan.

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22–23

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