

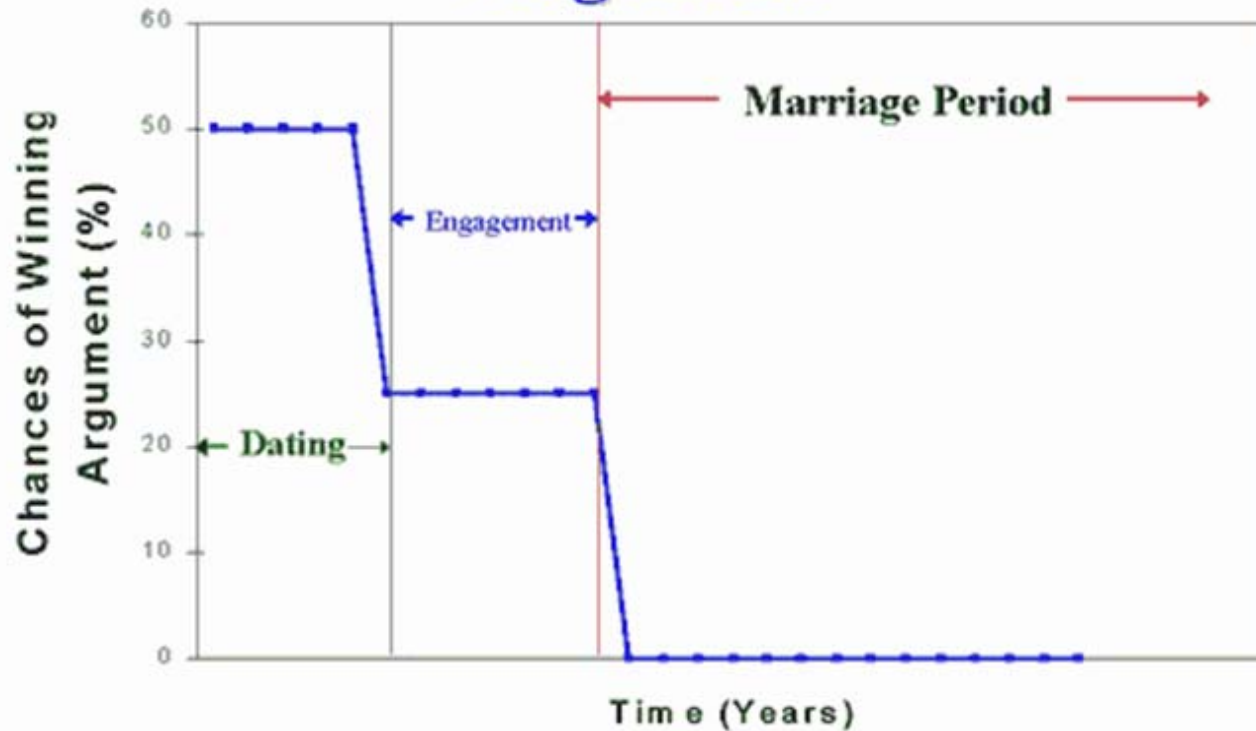


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Things Are Not Always As They Seem

## The Differences Between Men and Women

### Chances of a Man Winning an Argument



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*“[God] has restored our relationship with Him through Christ, and has given us this ministry of restoring relationships”.*

2 Corinthians 5:18 (God's Word Translation)

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# Bible Reference: Philippians 2:1-2

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Suggestions on making it stick when it feels unstuck:

1. Talk To God Before  
Talking To The Person.

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Tell God your frustrations. Cry out to Him. He's never surprised or upset by your anger, hurt, insecurity, or any other emotion. So tell Him exactly how you feel.

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Suggestions on making it stick when it feels unstuck:

## 2. Always Take The Initiative

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*“If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.”*

Matthew 5:23-24

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In conflict time heals  
nothing, it causes  
hurts to grow.

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Suggestions on making it stick when it feels unstuck:

# 3. Sympathize With Their Feelings

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*“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

Philippians 2:4

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*“People with good sense  
restrain their anger;  
they earn esteem by  
overlooking wrongs.”*

Proverbs 19:11

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People don't care what  
we know until they know  
we care.

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# 4. Confess Your Part Of The Conflict

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*“...First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.”*

Matthew 7:5

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*“If we say we have no sin, we  
are only fooling ourselves  
and refusing to accept the  
truth.”*

1 John 1:8

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Accept responsibility for  
your mistakes and ask for  
forgiveness.

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# 5. Attack The Problem, Not The Person

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*“Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”*

Ephesians 4:29

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You cannot fix the  
problem if you're  
consumed with fixing the  
blame.

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# 6. Cooperate As Much As Possible

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*“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”*

Romans 12:18

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Jesus knew when it was  
ok to keep quiet just for  
the sake of peace.

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# 7. Emphasize Reconciliation, Not Resolution

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Reconciliation focuses  
on the relationship, while  
resolution focuses on  
the problem.

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God expects unity, not uniformity, and we can walk arm-in-arm without seeing eye-to-eye on every issue.

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