

## Abstract

This study examines how marital satisfaction is related to personality components (personal strivings, gender role attributes), destructive quarrelling style, and daily subjective experience when the couples staying together. Participants were 9 Christian couples from three churches in Hong Kong. Participants completed a newly developed Marital Satisfaction Scale, the Personal Striving Assessment Packet, the Personal Attributes Questionnaire, a newly developed Quarreling Style Questionnaire, and the Experience Sampling Method. As expected, similarity between the two members of the couple in destructive quarreling style was negatively correlated with marital satisfaction, and feeling happy when together was positively correlated with marital satisfaction. Unexpectedly, husband's proportion of strivings about his spouse was negatively correlated with wife's marital satisfaction, and husband's experience of feeling strong in the presence of his wife was positively correlated with his own marital satisfaction, but not with wife's marital satisfaction. The unexpected findings are discussed in terms of gender differences in communication and power expression.