

Most Frequently Asked Questions "How to have the best love life." Part 1

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children ²and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. – **Ephesians 5:1-3**

God is the perfect model of what true love should look like.

The key to any healthy relationship is seen in what God did for us.

QUESTION: What did God do for us to show us His perfect love?

ANSWER: He gave us His son.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. – **Romans 5:8**

QUESTION: What did Christ do for us to show us His perfect love?

ANSWER: He gave Himself for us.

The common thread for real love is sacrifice.

No greater love can we see than the love God had for His son, and the son's love for His father.

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." – **John 17:26**

The right and wrong way to build a relationship:

⇒ **WRONG WAY:** Find the right person.

◆ **Lie:** Real fulfillment can only come when I find the right person.

⇒ **RIGHT WAY:** Instead of finding the right person become the right person

◆ Anytime you try to substitute your identity in Christ with another person, you will fail.

⇒ **WRONG WAY:** Fall in love.

⇒ **RIGHT WAY:** Instead of falling in love, walk in love.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – **John 3:16**

◆ Walking in love means giving the other person what he or she needs the most when it is least deserved.

⇒ **WRONG WAY:** Fix your hopes and dreams on this person for your future fulfillment.

⇒ **RIGHT WAY:** Fix your hope on God and seek to please Him through this relationship.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her - **Ephesians 5:25**

Resolutions for healthy relationships:

→ Instead of always trying to find out what is wrong with the other person, resolve to ask God to change you first.

→ Instead of always trying to make the other person conform to your my needs resolve to give sacrificially to meet the other person's needs first.

→ Instead of getting irritated when life does not turn out the way you want resolve to work through difficult times and see it as an opportunity for growth.

Food for thought:

◆ How much control do you have changing the person in the mirror?

→ 100%

◆ How much will we gain by manipulating and trying to make the other person what we want them to be?

→ 0%

"The key to a healthy marriage is to keep your eyes wide open before you wed... and half closed thereafter."

James Dobson