



C. T _____

EPHESIANS 4:31-32

³¹ Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: ³² and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

D. U _____

HEBREWS 13:16

¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

E. R _____

ROMANS 12:10

¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

F. E _____

PROVERBS 5:18

¹⁸ Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.

Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. How important is it to you to work on making your marriage a happy, passionate, loving one? Explain.
2. In what stage of marriage are you today? What steps do you need to take to move on to the next stage?
3. Do you consider your marriage a loving, passionate one now? Explain. What can you do to make it so?
4. In what areas of MATURE love are you strong? Explain. Where are you weak, and what can you do about it starting today?

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



To Love and To Cherish

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Introduction: _____

JOHN 10:10

¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

GENESIS 24:63-67

⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. ⁶⁵ For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. ⁶⁷ And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.



1. Three Stages of _____

A. The _____ Stage

Defined: “Your mate can do no wrong, and you simply can’t get enough of one another.”

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:14

¹⁴ *O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.*

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:7

⁷ *Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee.*

B. The “_____” Stage

Defined: “Reality sets in and both partners begin to see one another’s true humanity, with all its flaws and imperfections.”

PROVERBS 27:15-16

¹⁵ *A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike.* ¹⁶ *Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind, and the ointment of his right hand, which bewrayeth itself.*

Quote: “A key enemy of contentment is unmet expectations.”

C. The “_____” Stage

Defined: “A mature love that sees everything in its spouse, including flaws and imperfections, yet shows love and affection, enduring anything.”

2. How to _____ from Stage Two to Stage Three

A. _____ Up

JAMES 3:9-10

⁹ *Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.* ¹⁰ *Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.*

B. _____ Up

JAMES 5:16

¹⁶ *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*

C. _____ Up

PSALM 139:14

¹⁴ *I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.*

3. How to Develop and Maintain _____ Love

A. **M** _____

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

²⁴ *Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*

B. **A** _____

1 PETER 3:7A

^{7A} *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge...*