

7 Applications of Biblical Love for Your Marriage

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1. Understand What Love Is Not!

- a. Love is not the absence of conflict.
 - (1) Acts 15:36-41
 - (2) Galatians 2:11
 - (3) 2 Peter 3:15
- b. Love is not the denial of feelings of anger, dislike and irritation.
 - (1) Mark 3:5
 - (2) Ephesians 4:26
- c. Love is not having my way and demanding that everyone agree with my opinion at all times.
 - (1) Romans 14

2. Continue to Study and Understand God's Definition of Love!

- a. "Love is not a feeling that you feel when you feel you are going to get a feeling that you never felt before."
- b. Generally, people are confused and misinformed as to what love is.

3. Love #1: Love Based on Physical Attraction.

- a. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5
- b. Hebrews 13:4

4. Love #2: Love Based on Family Relationships.

- a. Romans 1:31
- b. 2 Timothy 3:3

5. Love #3: Love for People You Like.

- a. John 11:3, 11, 36

6. Love #4: Love That Is Commanded.

- a. John 3:16
- b. Mark 12:30, 31
- c. Ephesians 4:25
- d. Matthew 5:43, 44
- e. When I obey the command, many times the feelings follow (1 Pet. 1:22; 1 Thess. 4:9-12).
- f. But I am to treat others right regardless of how I feel (Matt. 7:12).

7. Practice Treating Your Spouse Right!

- a. Eating together.
- b. Talking.
- c. Sharing experiences.
- d. Being interested.
- e. Smiling.
- f. Eye contact.
- g. Touch.
- h. Doing things together.
- i. Working together.
- j. Helping another in need.
- k. Common enjoyment of some pleasure.
- l. Having grace toward others.
- m. Being forgiving.
- n. Being patient.
- o. Laughing together.
- p. Dying for another.
- q. Say it! Mean it! "I love you."