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Training To Love **(Kent Heaton)**

"That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children." (Titus 2:4)

The prevalent view of love is that it is an intense feeling that creates itself and sustains itself each day with euphoric happiness of mystical proportions. In other words, love is always a strong feeling of attachment that will keep the relationship somewhere between heaven and earth every moment of every day for a lifetime.

The evidence of this view of love comes from so many who decide when the charm fails, the romance ends and life begins to crowd in that divorce is necessary to rekindle the exhilarated moments of true love. Love and marriage are supposed to be an endless field of daffodils, sunshine and music but sometimes life becomes challenging and there is no music.



The job becomes a hassle and the kids have the flu and money is hard to come by and the last thing you want is music, and love takes on an entirely new perspective. Arguments arise because the romantic days of the honeymoon have faded into the reality of life.

Differences in spending money, what decisions need to be made, and the crush of life take their toll.

Age begins to change the marriage with physical changes. Pressures mount as couples struggle to keep their heads above water. Love takes on an unexpected persona.

Paul admonished Titus to teach sound doctrine. The context of this doctrine focuses on the family's relationship as husbands and wives learn how to love one another. The terminology the Holy Spirit uses when He exhorts older men and women to teach younger women how to love their husbands and children.

God has instilled in man a deeply emotional power called love. In the Old Testament, Jacob saw Rachel and fell in love with her.

The immense feelings of love for others is one of the greatest gifts man has been given. This kind of love creates relationships holding them in union for a lifetime. But another kind of love is a learned love that is just as vital as the "puppy love" of first sight.



Older women are instructed to teach younger women to love their husbands. There will be times in a marriage when puppy love will not solve the problem. It should never be lost and should always be part of the foundation of the relationship. The challenge is that when life creeps in the marriage and things become difficult, it will take a deeper kind of love to carry through.

Older women know the years of experience that love needs learning forgiveness, patience, understanding and the meaning of lasting love. Husbands and wives will face challenges. As sure as the devil is real, there will be marital problems. Learning how to deal with those problems takes a higher level of love. Younger women must learn to find a different kind of love

that will see them through the hard times.

Younger men must learn how to be leaders in the home, showing lasting love for their wives. This does not come naturally. A successful marriage is not a caught religion but a taught religion.

The Bible is the marriage guide on how to love one another. Everything a man and women need to learn about love is from the mind of God. Love is found in sacrifice, patience, kindness, forgiveness, and the hosts of things that define the child of God.

Learning how to control the tongue is love. Having a longsuffering spirit, being kindly affectionate to one another, continuing steadfastly in prayer, being of the same mind, abhorring evil and clinging to goodness are all foundations of lasting love.

These must be learned from the word of God. Those who follow the will of God are those who know the greatest heights of love in a marriage. Love is a deeply emotional bond that brings two people together but the love found in God's word is the unbreakable cement of a union that will never fail. Older men and women must teach the younger how to love their families. Younger men and women must listen to the voice of the older men and women who have founded their lives on the word of God.

"There would be more marriages made in heaven if there were more young people who, with the thought of their future children, were prayerfully willing to give God a voice in their final decision. (Leo Trese, Parent and Child, 1962)

Christ, the Master Builder (Selected)

Agostino d'Antonio, a sculptor of Florence, wrought diligently but unsuccessfully on a large piece of marble. "I can do nothing with it," he finally said. Other sculptors tried their hand at it, but they too gave up the task. The stone lay on a rubbish heap for forty years.

Out strolling one day, Michelangelo saw the stone and its latent possibilities and ordered it brought to his studio. He began to work upon it, and ultimately his vision and work were crowned with success. From that seemingly worthless stone he carved one of the world's masterpieces of sculpture - David! The secret lay in Michelangelo, not in the stone.

Look at life - your own with all its disappointments, and the lives of others with all that God has accomplished in them or all that He is able to accomplish. Expect Him to produce a masterpiece because you know the quality of the work of the Master Builder, Christ.

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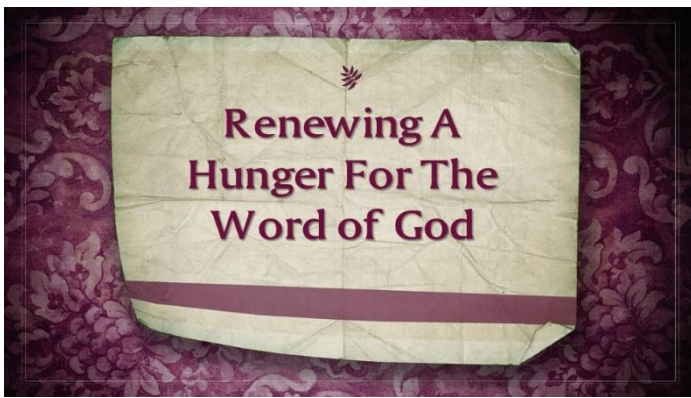
Parable of the Baseball Fan



Long Life (Roy E. Cogdill)

The old man had lived to be 95 and was still healthy and active. One day a friend asked how he managed to live that long and still be so strong and energetic. He said that perhaps a number of things contributed to it, but one thing really stood out in his mind.

He said that he and his wife had been married for sixty-five years; and when they married, they had a little private agreement to the effect that there would be no fussing and quarreling in their house, and if one of them lost his or her temper and was about to blow his top, the other would get up and walk out of the house. He concluded, "Friend, you have no idea what 50 years out in the fresh air and sunshine will do for a man."



Let's Renew In 2022

Consider This (Isaiah 40)

In times of uncertainty it is good to know these simple facts from Isaiah 40.

The oceans of the world contain more than 340 quintillion gallons of water, yet God holds them “in the hollow of His hand” (40:12). The earth weights 6 sextillion metric tons, yet God says it is but “dust on the scales” (40:15). The known universe stretches more than 30 billion light years (200 sextillion miles), but God measures it by the width of His hand (40:12).

Scientists claim there are at least 100 billion galaxies, and each

galaxy is made up of about 100 billion stars. To such mind-boggling math Isaiah reminds us God calls each star “by name” (40:26).

Learning To Count (Selected)

Count your blessings
instead of your crosses;

Count your gains
instead of your losses.

Count your joy
instead of your woes;

Count your friends
instead of your foes.

Count your smiles
instead of your tears;

Count your courage
instead of your fears.

Count your full years
instead of your lean;

Count your health
instead of your wealth;

Count on God
instead of yourself.

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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)

Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)

Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

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☞ Zeke Flores, Columbus, Texas; Philip North, Branson, Missouri

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