

## MARRIAGE AND HOW TO RECEIVE LOVE

1. Marriage is the boundary for sex as declared in the Word of God, the absolute criterion. Without boundaries, many people would be hurt and a nation would destroy itself.  
A. 1 Corinthians 7:1-5.
2. Marrying simply for sexual experience is a dangerous ground upon which to base a lasting and a happy marriage.
3. The husband is commanded to love his wife.  
A. Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it."
4. Love is mental attitude. What you think, AGAPE.
5. Sex is only one of many expressions of that mental attitude.
6. The woman must respond to the man mentally before she will ever respond to him sexually, or in any other way. Otherwise, you have nothing more than animal activity. If a woman is not responding to her husband mentally, she will make excuses.
7. Love happiness, moment by moment, rapport in the soul, must precede sexual happiness.
8. Any husband who fulfills Ephesians 5:23 will receive the proper response from his wife.
9. The husband's love should be predominantly aggressive and protective. The wife's love should be responsive and receptive. From the standpoint of the human anatomy, the Bible is verified. Man gives and woman receives.
10. Principle: Man initiates love, both mental and sexual. Woman responds to it.
11. The body of one partner rightfully belongs to the other. Therefore, any selfish motivation of action is ruled out.  
A. 1 Corinthians 7:4, "The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife."
12. The beauty of the sexual concept is that there is response and counter-response. The man becomes complete because the woman completes him. God separated something, a rib, from the man and now this is returned to him in the form of a mate. The woman complements the man, thus emphasizing her complete femininity.
13. Man does not get love by demanding love. He can only get love by giving love first. This is mental attitude love.
14. No man has the right to demand relationships with his wife. Husbands must give from the ultimate source of his mental attitude. He can only get by giving of himself.
15. The woman is a responder. The husband cannot subject his wife to abuse and mistreatment and expect her to respond to his advances when he is ready to make love.

16. Since God has ordained the man and the woman for each other, the sexual relationship should not be denied to each other, except under certain conditions of true worship and spiritual activity.
17. Sex minus love equals a lifetime of misery. Sex plus love equals a lifetime of happiness.
18. Real love is mental attitude, therefore, it is positive and not possessive.
19. Since marriage is founded on the mental attitude of love, the older you become, the more wonderful the marriage should be.
20. Marriage cannot survive on the basis of sex. It takes some thing greater than that because sex decreases and mental attitude and spiritual compatibility increases.

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