

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1268: How Strong Are My Relationships? (Part I)

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All questions are based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7:

1. How do we measure the health of a marriage relationship? What is a “give and take” kind of love? What is *agape* love? Which of these is important in a marriage? How are you measuring up to the kind of marriage you would like to have, especially in regard to love? (See Titus 2:3-4, John 15:11)
2. In what way should we react if circumstances in our life change? How are you exhibiting selfless love as challenges enter your marriage? What could you be doing better?
3. What is the definition of “honor” or “respect” in the Bible? How do the actions of selfless love and that of holding someone in respect or honor differ? If there are problems in our marriage, what should keep respect and honor present? How are you showing respect and honor to your spouse? (See 1 Peter 2:17, 3:7, 1 Timothy 5:3)
4. On what important foundation is a marriage relationship built? Was Eve a lesser being since she was taken from Adam’s rib? What is the definition of “helper”? How do we know this? What were Adam’s feelings about Eve? What is the true foundation stone in the marriage in this account? (See Genesis 2:18-25, Psalm 33:20, Ecclesiastes 4:12)
5. What are the first two elements of love in 1 Corinthians 13:4? How does “patience” contribute to a marriage? What things are required to succeed at this foundation stone? How can we exhibit “kindness” to combat challenges in our marriages? To ensure that these foundations are functional, what is needed? How are you communicating? (See Ephesians 4:1-2, 31-32)
6. What are common areas of weakness in marriage? List and describe the eight points in 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 that can push a marriage off track. What allows us to positively approach these weaknesses instead of giving in to our emotions? (See Philippians 1:15,17, Galatians 5:26, 1 Corinthians 8:1, James 1:14-15, 4:2-3, Ephesians 4:25-27, Matthew 18:21-22, 1 Thessalonians 4:4-5)
7. What should we always bring to the table in our marriage? How can we contribute to our marriage even when our spouse seems distant? Explain how each of these elements contributes to the commitment to making marriage stronger: rejoice in truth, bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, James 1:17-18, 5:10-11, Romans 15:1, Habakkuk 3:17-18, Romans 8:24-25)
8. What is the greatest example of love we can aspire to? How do you feel you are exemplifying God’s love in your relationships as best you can? How could this be improved? (See John 15:13)