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WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“Essential Elements for Marriage”

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PART TWO

A key truth to grasp for enjoying love until death do you part is to understand the love that comes from God is different from the world's view of love. The Apostle Paul wrote, “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails or [ends, ESV].” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

The Greek language, the original language of the New Testament uses four separate words that describe different kinds of human affection that are all translated as “love” in English. The Greek word “eros” is defined as a passionate emotion. It is physical sexual attraction, infatuation or lust for power, wealth, or fame. It is commonly selfishly motivated and arises from a person's own inner desires. However, when this love is governed through “agape” love, “eros” love can be a blessing in marriage. The Greek word “storge” is an affectionate emotion. This love is a naturally born emotion and is typical of the bonds between parent and child. Both of these types of love are very unstable and are easily affected by pres-

ent circumstances. They can wax cold and wane depending on the whim of the day. A third type of love is “phileo.” This is the cherishing and endearing love of a husband and wife, family members for one another, or the love of life-long friends. The

fourth is “Agape,” a self-less love that enables a married couple to show true love regardless of feelings – whether a person feels like expressing actions of love or not. This love enables couples to show love even when harsh words are spoken, when neglected or

rejected. It enables couples to enjoy each others successes, victories, and open doors of opportunity. Agape love enables couples to work for the good of each other, for the good of their children, and for the good of each other's family.

There is a truth worth grasping, a man and woman who are trusting in God and Jesus Christ in genuine faith may enjoy “agape” love. A marriage that has both couples seeking the Lord with all their hearts will find God faithful (Deuteronomy 4:29; Proverbs 8:17; Jeremiah 29:13; Matthew 7:7; Luke 11:9) to give them an enduring love that will last a life time. Through a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ a man and woman may enjoy what Galatians 5:22 calls “the fruit of the Spirit,” one of them is “love” (ἀγάπη). This love only comes from God and is supernaturally placed within the child of God as he trusts in the Lord to live in a way that is in contrast to the flesh, the world views, and the lies of the devil.

Through God's love (Agape), married couples find completeness, a new fullness, a new satisfaction, and new contentment. It enables couples to make the right adjustments and sacrifices birthing forth a fuller, joyous, more satisfied life than any life in singleness could experience.



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Commencement

Graduation marks the ending of scholarly education, moving on from old friendships and routines. Graduation also marks the beginning of a new life of learning in different ways, meeting new people and charting an unfamiliar course. Finally, graduation is also a significant stop along the way, a preparatory pause. The word itself means a gradual transition, a time to remember the past, to ponder the present, and to dream of the future. Whatever graduation means to you, feel proud of your accomplishment, and praise God for providing you with strength and guidance along the way.

Weekly Scripture Reading

Galatians 1:1-24	Galatians 2:1-21	Galatians 3:1-29	Galatians 4:1-31	Galatians 5:1-26	Galatians 6:1-18	Philippians 1:1-30
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EARL POWELL

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In the Matter of the Estate of EARL POWELL, Deceased

Case No. 2011-PR-37

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that a petition has been filed on May 31, 2012, in said Court by Dorothy Lewis, executor of the estate of Earl Powell, deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts and proceedings, allowance for fees and expenses, determination of the heirs

entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will and the orders of the Court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Dorothy Lewis, Executor

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