

Your Daily Appointments With God

MONDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-13. What does this type of love tell you about God? Are these principles of love that should be felt or practiced? Do you consider these principles the foundation of all love between men, women, husbands, wives, family and children? If so, ask God to mold you to reflect these in your life.

TUESDAY

Read 3 John 2. God wants you to be healthy physically, emotionally and spiritually. In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were in perfect health. Jesus spent much of His ministry healing people. He was concerned about physical health. Should we also be concerned for the health of our marriages? Marital health is extremely important because it's the foundation of Godly families. Ask Jesus to help you meet the your marital needs as well as your spouse's marital needs.

WEDNESDAY

Read Ephesians 5:15-33. Here are five practical ways to manage your marriage and your relationships! 1) "Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you" according to vs. 18. 2) Speak to one another with love, vs. 19-20. 3) Submission in marriage, is an act of respect for Jesus Christ, not an issue of rights or privileges or "top dog" status. You are yielding to Christ, first! 4) Sacrifice willingly, vs. 24-27. 5) Serve unselfishly, vs. 28-31.

THURSDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 7:3. Loving means you care more for that other person than you care about yourself! To love, honor & cherish means you want to make that other person's life better! Is there any greater pursuit, than that? To improve another person's life & eternity!

FRIDAY

Read Matthew 22:37-39; Revelation 19:7. Jesus taught that the greatest commandment of loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind is the same as loving another person. So my commitment to my wife is based upon my commitment to God. The institution of marriage is a direct representation to the world of God's marriage to each believer as His Bride.

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Home Improvement Part 9 – His Needs, His Needs! *Selected Scripture*

Introduction: In the first book of the Bible it's revealed that God has created men and women in such uniquely different ways!

- "Each of you should love his wife as himself, and [each] wife should respect her husband." Ephesians 5:3

I. Today, I Want To Focus On The Needs of Husbands And The Needs of Wives Within The Marriage Covenant

- A. We'll journey through a very simple and practical book that reveals the needs that both husbands and wives have in marriage. "His Needs, Her Needs – Building an Affair-proof Marriage" written by Dr. Willard F. Harley, Jr.
 - B. And one metaphor and illustration that Dr. Harley uses in his book is what he calls, "_____."
 - C. His "Love Bank" concept is simply designed to underscore the fact that we _____ each other emotionally in many areas.
 - D. After 20,000 hours of counseling people within 25 years, Dr. Harley found in his research what he believes are the _____ greatest needs of a husband and the _____ greatest needs of a wife.
 - E. We all have a love bank in which we either make _____ or take _____. And in nearly every encounter we affect each other emotionally. So we need to become aware of each other's _____ and learn to meet them.
 - F. Let's start with "Her Needs" first.
- Her First Need is: _____.
 - G. This is our wives deepest emotional need according to Dr. Harley. It's the essential cement of her relationship with you.
- Affection symbolizes security, comfort and approval, which are vitally important commodities in her eyes.
- "Be kind to one another, and tender-hearted . . ." Ephesians 4:32; 5:1
"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."
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- H. His first need is: _____ fulfillment.
- I. God wired men and women differently. Yet, achieving sexual compatibility and fulfillment involves two important steps.
- First, overcome your _____ ignorance.
A husband and wife must each understand their own sexuality and their own sexual response.
 - Secondly, _____ your sexual understanding to each other.
- *“The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”*
1 Corinthians 7:3-5
- J. Here’s the marital “_____.”
Meet your spouses needs as you would want your spouse to meet your needs.
- K. Her second need is: _____.
- It’s not about problem solving. It’s about listening intently and respectfully to our wives.
- L. Here’s another great point from Dr. Harley. He says, “most women fall in love with men who have set aside time to exchange conversation and affection with them. They stay in love with men who _____ to meet those needs.”
- M. His second need is: _____ companionship.
- You need to find mutually acceptable activities that both you and your spouse will enjoy together!
- N. Her third need is: _____ and _____.
- Dr. Harley’s fifth law of marriage says: Honesty is the best marriage insurance policy.
- O. His third need is: An _____ spouse.
- P. By calling for a wife to be attractive, Dr. Harley means she should take pains to resemble something like the woman her husband fell in love with and married.
- Q. Her fourth need is: _____ support.
- Dr. Harley’s Seventh Law of Marriage says: “Happy is the couple who try to live on what they need, not what they want.”
- R. His fourth need is: _____ support.
- S. Proverbs 31:10-18 reflects a man’s, a husbands desire to have a wife that takes pride in her home and in her domestic support of uplifting her husband’s needs.
- T. Her fifth needs need is: _____ commitment.
- Dr. Harley’s Ninth Law of Marriage says: *The best husband is a good father.*
- U. His fifth need is: _____.
- Honest admiration is a great motivator for most men.
- *“Each of you [husbands] should love his wife as himself, and [each] wife should respect her husband.”* Ephesians 5:33
- V. All ten of Dr. Harley’s “His Needs, Her Needs” come down to this text in Ephesians 5:33.
- W. Ellen White says, “Marriage is a school from which you are never graduated.” (Adventist Home)
- X. Our job as husbands and wives is not to change the other in our image but live according to the Biblical definition of love.
- If you want HOME IMPROVEMENT in your marriage – allow the Holy Spirit to change you in order to meet the needs of your spouse one day at a time.
- *“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 . . .” And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*
1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 13
- Y. A good Christian marriage will wrap this type of love around all the needs of each spouse in order to find fulfillment in their marriage!