

Men are From Dirt & Women are From Men

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Love and Respect- The Energizing Cycle

Motivation.....are you giving or receiving motivation?

Ephesians 5:31-33 God has Given Us a Need to Be Met By Our Spouse.

³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

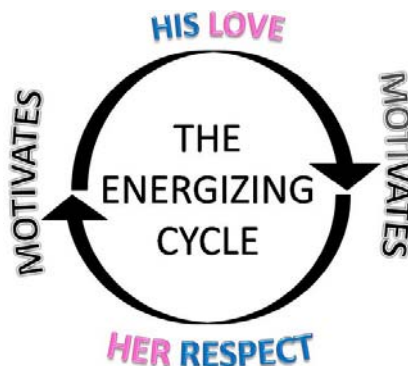
Colossians 3:12ff We Rebuild Our Relationships Because of Christ

¹²Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Philippians 4:7ff A Change in Marriage From a Change in Thinking

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



Eph 4:8ff Speaking Love and Respect in Truth for a Greater Purpose.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ *Instead*, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Truth Causes Us to Move Towards Each Other:

- > Value and trust to meet their deepest need.
- > Your spouse has a need that you don't have > truth expressed through love and respect is heard into the heart and the life of your spouse.
- > Knowing her need or his need allows you to speak into their lives

> What does Love look like?

> What does Respect look like?

Love:

Through obedience I give her a sense of security and sense of significance.

Respect:

Through obedience I give him a sense of purpose and sense of value.

It is not about your spouse.....it has everything to do with your love and reverence to Christ who will love you forever.

Matthew 25:37 This is NOT About You....It is About HIM!!!!!!

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Note from Pastor TED

The Love and Respect Worksheet is an awesome way to take the lessons and put them into practice.

Don't thinking for a second that your happy marriage is not in need of this. This is a step up to a whole new place.

Don't think for a second that your marriage is too far gone to experience the truth of this word in your relationship. The key here is that this is not about creating a special atmosphere for healing, This is about obedience...PERIOD.