

# THE ESSENCE OF MARRIAGE

Ephesians 5:31 and Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be united to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

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**Romantic Love is measured by** \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Romantic love is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Romantic love almost never \_\_\_\_\_
3. Marriage should be \_\_\_\_\_ romantic love

1 John 3:16 We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us.

John 14:15 If you love me, obey my commandments.

**Biblical Love is measured by active, committed** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOVE IS BETTER MEASURED BY THE WAY I** \_\_\_\_\_, **NOT THE WAY I** \_\_\_\_\_

## Consumer vs. Covenant

**IN A CONSUMER RELATIONSHIP, THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE** \_\_\_\_\_.

**IN A COVENANT RELATIONSHIP, THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDS OF THE** \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Covenants - between two people.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Covenants - between a person or nation and God.**

Marriage is the most \_\_\_\_\_ covenantal relationship possible because it is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Biblical covenant relationship includes both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Covenant relationships are \_\_\_\_\_ intimate \_\_\_\_\_ they are legal.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ promise is \_\_\_\_\_ intimate.
2. True \_\_\_\_\_ becomes possible.