

Marriage is not trivial

MARRIAGE ON THE ROCK

Genesis 2:24-25 *This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. 25 Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.*

IS JOINED = _____ = _____

"TO _____ WITH GREAT _____ AND TO _____ TO SOMETHING _____."

LAW #2: THE LAW OF _____

THE SECRET OF _____ IN LOVE IS _____.

Four common misconceptions about love and romance

1. If I marry the _____ person, the emotions will happen naturally and _____ throughout our marriage.
 - Truth: The best relationships are when two very _____ people go through hard times and _____.

2. If my _____ change toward my spouse, I must have married the _____ person.
 - Truth: Your _____ will always be changing.
 - Truth: You are always in control of your _____.

3. Positive events, experiences and actions should fuel the relationship and our emotions _____.

- Truth: Marriage requires work _____.

4. When we have no emotions or have fallen out of love, there is _____ to get the love back.

Proverbs 10:20 *the heart of a fool is worthless.*

- Truth: Love can be _____.

Three Steps to _____

Revelation 2:2-5 *I know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance. I know you don't tolerate evil people. You have examined the claims of those who say they are apostles but are not. You have discovered they are liars. 3 You have patiently suffered for me without quitting.*

4 *"But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first! 5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.*

1. Remember when you _____ each other.

2. _____.

3. Do what you did at the _____

Proverbs 14:23 *Work brings profit, but mere talk leads to poverty!*

1 John 3:18 *Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.*

For Later...

- Name three ways your spouse pursued you before marriage.
- How would you like your spouse to pursue you today?