

ROMANCING THE HOME (You've Got Male)

Series - "I Will Be Here Until . . ."

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Jesus said to the church at Ephesus:

"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. ⁴Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works" (Revelation 2:2-5a, NLKV).

THREE ACTIONS TO GET THAT LOVING FEELING AGAIN:

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

"Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5, NIV).

Jesus said, "Do the works you did at first" (Rev. 2:5a, NLT).

R.O.M.A.N.C.E. REQUIRES:

1. R = _____

*"Don't be concerned only about your own interests, but also be concerned about the interests of others"
(Philippians 2:4, NLT).*

† A suggestion on how to do this: Set aside _____ a week to give undivided attention to your spouse.

† Each spouse has the right to expect the same loving care and attention they experienced during _____ to continue after the _____.

Enemies of Good Conversation:

(Adapted from *His Needs/Her Needs*, (p. 68-74, Willard Harley)

- (i) Using conversation to _____ each other.
- (ii) Using conversation to _____ to your way of thinking.
- (iii) Dwelling _____, past or present.

"Friends" of Great Conversation:

- (i) Develop interest in each other's favorite _____ of conversation.
- (ii) Do not _____ the conversation.
- (iii) Use conversation to _____, _____, and _____ your spouse.
- (iv) Give each other _____.

2. O = _____

"They were of one accord" (Acts 2:1, KJV).

*"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh"
(Genesis 2:24, NKJV).*

Suggestions:

- (i) _____ together
- (ii) Discuss how _____ applies to your life & marriage.
- (iii) Get involved in a _____ together.

3. M = _____

"One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. ²At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. ⁴Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." ⁵He looked up, expecting to get something from them. ⁶Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" ⁷He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. ⁸He jumped to his feet and walked. The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. ⁹Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God" (Acts 3:1-9, MSG).

4. A = _____

"Husbands, be affectionate" (Ephesians 5:19, AMP).

"The love a man has for his wife is the extending of his love for himself to enfold her" (Ephesians 5:28, PHL).

"Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife" (Genesis 26:8, KJV).

† The word translated as "sporting" is the Hebrew word [מְצַחֵק , metzacheq] and in its root form it means "to laugh," but when it is used of husbands and wives in Hebrew it means "to fondle, to engage in petting, to experience foreplay."

5. N = _____

"Kind words are like honey – sweet to the taste and good for your health" (Proverbs 16:24, GWT).

"The ear tests words like the tongue tastes food" (Job 34:3, GWT).

"Love each other with genuine love, and take delight in honoring each other" (Romans 12:10, NLT).

"When you are kind to others, you help yourself; but when you're cruel to others, you hurt yourself" (Proverbs 11:17, MSG).

6. C = _____

"Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, ⁵Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, ⁶Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, ⁷Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end" (1 Cor. 13:4-7, MSG).

7. E = _____

"Enjoy life with your wife" (Ecclesiastes 9:9, GWT).

"Jesus came enjoying life" (Matthew 11:19, PHL).

Jesus said, "I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of" (John 10:10, MSG)

† August 16 > New Sermon Series Begins- NO BULL!