



FAMILY MATTERS

BUILDING BIBLICALLY-CENTERED RELATIONSHIPS



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CARDS YOU'LL NEVER SEE IN HALLMARK

**Looking back over
the years that we've
been together, I
can't help but
wonder....**

What was I thinking?

**CARDS YOU'LL NEVER SEE
IN HALLMARK**

**I've always wanted to
have someone to hold,
someone to love...**

**after having met you,
I've changed my mind.**

**CARDS YOU'LL NEVER SEE
IN HALLMARK**

**“I must admit, you
brought Religion in
my life...”**

**“I never believed in
hell until I met you.”**

i have found the one
whom my soul
loves.

- song of solomon 3:4



**One
Man
One
Woman
For
Life**



LOVE

**“is a consuming, absorbing
desire for and delight in
another person’s highest
good”**

GOD is LOVE

Understand it

Live it

Give it

1 Corinthians 13:13

**And now these three remain: faith,
hope and love. But the greatest of
these is love.**

Romans 13:8-10

⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8-10

⁹The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Romans 13:8-10

¹⁰Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

3 Kinds of Love

Companionship

Passion

Genuine Love

1

COMPANIONSHIP

Genesis 29:20

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

2

PASSION

2 Samuel 13:15

Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, "Get up and get out!"

3

GENUINE LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**Where Have All
The Feelings
Gone?**

LOVE

**“is a consuming, absorbing
desire for and delight in
another person’s highest
good”**

**The *ability to love* in a
selfless way is dependent
upon your level of maturity**

**There are emotions
that are typical of
immature love:**

**(maybe one of these is a
characteristic of your life)**

7

Jealousy

- it is caused by a fear of losing something or someone we value because it or they meet our needs**

Song of Songs 8:6-7

⁶Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Song of Songs 8:6-7

**⁷Many waters cannot quench love;
rivers cannot wash it away. If one
were to give all the wealth of his
house for love, it would be utterly
scorned.**

2

Envy

- it springs from a desire to possess what someone else's has**

1 Corinthians 13:4

4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

3

Anger

- this results from the inner turmoil and frustration we feel when we cannot control people and circumstances

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

4

Loneliness

**- this results from a
dependence on other people
for our happiness**

Genesis 2:18

The LORD God said, "It is **not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

5

Fear

**- this results when we
imagine or perceive that our
needs or goals will
not be met**

1 John 4:18

There is **no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.**

All emotions are characteristics of **immature love**

- a desire to use other people for
personal happiness,**
- a hunger for pleasure without
regard for the cost**

**This same immaturity is
behind the abuse of
alcohol, drugs, and sex.**

MARRIAGE

RIGHT TIME

RIGHT PERSON

RIGHT MOTIVE

MARRIAGE

RIGHT TIME

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

²a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

**³a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to
build,**

**⁴a time to weep and a time to
laugh, a time to mourn and a time
to dance,**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

**⁵a time to scatter stones and a
time to gather them,**

**a time to embrace and a time to
refrain from embracing,**

**⁶a time to search and a time to give
up, a time to keep and a time to
throw away,**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-9

- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to
speak,**
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for
peace.**

MARRIAGE

RIGHT PERSON

Psalm 37:4

**Delight yourself in the Lord, and he
will give you the desires of your
heart.**

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you **ask in prayer**, believe that you have received[a] it, and it will be yours.

Matthew 7:7

**“Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; knock, and
it will be opened to you.**

MARRIAGE

RIGHT MOTIVE

Ecclesiastes 12:13

There Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: **Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind.**

Romans 4:20-21

²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Romans 16:27

**to the only wise God be glory
forevermore through Jesus Christ!
Amen.**

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a **man** shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his **wife**, and **they shall become one flesh.**

Proverbs 18:22

**He who finds a wife finds a good
thing and obtains favour from the
Lord**

PRINCIPLES OF MARRIAGE

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

¹Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

²But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

³The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

⁴For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

⁵Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer;

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**but then come together again, so
that Satan may not tempt you
because of your lack of self-
control.**

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

⁶Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.

⁷I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**⁸To the unmarried and the widows
I say that it is good for them to
remain single, as I am.**

1 Corinthians 7:1-9

⁹But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

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