

Extreme Home Makeover

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Staying in Love!

Marriage: The Long Haul!

The Juno Dilemma:

“Dad, I just need to know if it’s possible for two people to stay happy together forever!”

Most people think its possible, but not probable!

Remaining in Love requires A PLAN

a) If the plan is “Love One Another” Jesus prefaced it by adding: “just as I have loved you.”

Respect & Rights vs. Surrender & Submission

*When Jesus died on the cross, he put his love (relationship) ahead of his Rights—
If Jesus couldn’t have it both ways,
than for healthy relationships you CAN’T have it both ways!*

*It is only when one person surrenders (dies to self)
that healthy relationships exists.*

In marriage this works best when TWO people live with that same agenda!

Staying Right—A look at the way Jesus Loved:

Healthy relationships remain in HUMILITY:

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Philippians 2.3 (NIV)

Don’t COMPETE with one another.

Why do we compete?

- Prove we’re better
- Insecurity
- Control Issues

Value one another ABOVE Yourself.

Healthy Relationships develop in SURRENDER:

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2.4 (NIV)

Love draws us to ENGAGE with each other.

Moves us outside of our comfort zone

Healthy Relationships are fulfilled within our CHARACTER:

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2.5 (NIV)

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human being, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2.6-11 (TNIV)