

To Love the Lord Thy God - Spiritually, part 9 quotes

1 The Emotion of Love - in its Sexual Form - Dealing With Those Who Are Unmarried

“He that is unmarried careth for the things that belongeth to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely [or proper], and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction....But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned”. 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, 28.

“...it is not good to marry. But he (Jesus) said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.” Matthew 19:10-11.

There is nothing wrong with either being married or remaining unmarried. But those who remain unmarried have an advantage in being able to serve the Lord more of the time, because they are not distracted in having to divide their time with their spouse or children.

2 What type of individual will God approve of for those among us who are unmarried and who desire to find a proper individual of the opposite sex to become better acquainted with and possibly marry?

“When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many [pagan and unbelieving] nations before thee...thou shalt make no covenant with them...Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly.” Deuteronomy 7:1-4.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?” 2 Corinthians 6:14-15.

God forbids His people to marry anyone who is not of our Remnant faith. This means that it is best and safest to only seek potential boyfriends or girlfriends from among those of our faith.

3 Those who look outside of our faith for potential marriage partners are taking a big calculated risk in doing so.

If you should become interested in someone who is not of our faith, before you can marry them they will have to honestly convert over to our faith. To try and achieve this honest conversion would then involve a lot of time, heart searching and prayer, because the motive for their conversion must be out of love for God and His truth, and not out of love for you. If they did convert over, then their new found faith would necessarily have to be tested over time in order to make sure they were not just embracing our faith in order to marry you. But if they honestly converted out of love for the Lord God and His truth, then your calculated risk has paid off big time!

If the unbeliever did not convert over to the faith, then you would have to totally break off the relationship because God forbids you to marry them. So depending on how deeply you love them will be the pain, emotional trauma and heart-ache you will go through in having to give them up. But all this emotional trauma was part of the calculated risk you took by becoming interested in someone who is not of our faith, and in this case your gamble did not pay off and you sadly lost big time!

Yet so many when being faced with having to break it off with your non-believing boyfriend or girlfriend decide to go ahead and marry them anyway, believing that they will surely be able to convert them to the faith after marriage. But this decision means that you have knowingly and wilfully decided to rebel against God by disobeying His specific command not to marry outside of the faith, and thus you must know that you will not have God's blessing upon your marriage. It is an extremely rare thing for a non-believing partner to truly become converted to the faith after marriage. It is by far more common that you will compromise and eventually give up the faith, than for your non-believing spouse to ever become truly converted.

Even after you have found that special boyfriend or girlfriend of your own faith, you must always pray for God to either continue blessing your relationship with them as it progresses and grows, or that He will end it according to His perfect will. God knows exactly what is hidden in the heart and also knows exactly what the future holds. Since you cannot read the heart, or know the future, and you also know that God truly loves you, then you can trust God infinitely more than you can trust your own feelings in any relationship. God will never lead you astray, but your own feelings surely will. So always trust God in any relationship, and you will then always be safe, and if God allows you to marry, then you both know that your marriage will indeed have His blessing!

4 The Emotion of Love - in its Sexual Form - Dealing With Those Who Are Already Married

God tells those who are already married just how they can practically manifest the true noble and Godly kind of this emotion of love, affection and passion, and thus cleanse themselves from the false Satanic kind of this emotion:

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church....For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.” Ephesians 5:25-29, 31.

“...he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife....she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.” 1 Corinthians 7:33-34.

“...rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love.” Proverbs 5:18-19.

“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife (or in other words, neither are free to have sexual relations with any other partner except their own spouse). Defraud ye not one the other [or in other words, do not live separately], except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.” 1 Corinthians 7:1-5.

“Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled.” Hebrews 13:4.

Married couples are ever to express and manifest the most tender self-denying and self-sacrificing love towards their spouse, just like Christ Himself has expressed and manifested the same tender love towards His church. Our spouse is indeed a part of us, and in loving them we are showing that we really love God as well as ourselves! We are ever to nourish and cherish our union together, pressing ever closer to each other as each day passes, and being satisfied always with their love for us.

5 After comprehending these truths, many realize that they have failed their spouse by expressing and manifesting the self-pleasing and selfish Satanic form of this emotion of love. As a result, they see that they are guilty of introducing into their marriage a lot of unnecessary problems and troubles. But now that they understand what the true expression and manifestation of this emotion of love in its Godly form is, what are they to do?

They need to repent to their spouse for not expressing and manifesting the true Godly form of love to them in all areas and at all times. Then they need to repent to God for misrepresenting His loving character to their spouse. And finally they then need to change and begin expressing and manifesting the true Godly form of this emotion of love to their spouse, and pleading with God to work in them through His divine grace and strength so that they can indeed change. And they also need to remember that with God "all things are possible" to those who believe (Mark 9:23), and that they can do "all things through Christ that strenghteneth" them (Philippians 4:13).