HOME FELLOWSHIP OUTLINE

TOPIC: Maintaining The Passion In Marriage

TEXT: Gen 26:8, Prov. 5:15-19

Introduction

Agape, the God kind of Love, is sacrificial and unconditional love towards all, irrespective of who they are and what they have done. It is a response to others by people who have the nature of God and demonstrate this in all their relationships. Love in human relationships may also mean ‘eros’, which is the erotic or romantic love acceptable only between a man and his wife, and ‘phileo’, the brotherly love among relatives, friends, neighbours or members of a group or community. God’s intention for marriage is for it to be enjoyed, and not endured. This desire is best realised when romantic love flows out of a solid base of Agape, the God kind of love. Intimacy in marriage cannot be overemphasized but must be cultivated and continually renewed by the conscious effort of the couples involved. Neglect and complacency easily dim the glow of passion in marriage over time, no matter how well it began. It is wise to give no room to the devil. Today’s outline focuses on keeping the fire of romantic love burning in our marriages.

Discussion

1. In your own view, what are some of the signs of diminishing passion in marriage?

2. Many marriages start on a high romantic note, but over time, tend to grow cold. Some signs are observable while others remain veiled until things get to the extremes. It is better to take proactive steps that can prevent and arrest the possibility of declining romance between couples. The following are the ways to continually ignite and rekindle the passion in our marriages

I. Maintain mutual respect for one another. Phil 2:3
II. Do not deprive one another. 1Cor 7:2-6
III. Bear with one another Eph 4:2, Col 3:13
IV. Maintain open and healthy communication. Eph 4:29
V. Cooperate and work things out together. Amos 3:3
VI. Always make yourself attractive and presentable to your spouse. Gen 41:14, Pro. 27:9
VII. Don’t compare your spouse with other persons. 2Cor. 10:12

Conclusion

When God instituted marriage, He said it was good. This means that marriage is expected to please God and bring pleasure to both parties. But, nothing just happens. Couples cannot afford to take each other for granted and expect to experience the sweetness that comes with marriage. The two must work together as one to make the most of their marriage. As you do whatever it takes to daily stoke the fire of romance and keep it burning, marital passion grows stronger. You will succeed in Jesus Name. Amen.
INTRODUCTION – It’s been awesome talking about the family this month. Do you still remember all we discussed this month? Let’s do a quick recap of all we have learnt.

KIDDIES TALK BACK
1. What is family?
2. Mention the role of the father, mother and children in the family.
3. Mention two purposes of a family.
4. What are family values? Mention some of your family values.

Having learnt all these, do you sometimes feel hurt by any member of your family? Do you know that you sometimes hurt others too? The KEYWORDS ARE FORGIVENESS AND LOVE. You are all together because God planned it so. Always say this to yourself, “MY FAMILY IS THE BEST FAMILY EVER!” (You can mention your surname).

MEMORY VERSE – Romans 12:10 (Christian Standard Bible version)
“Show family affection to one another with brotherly love.”

ACTIVITY – Draw a picture of yourself and the members of your family.
How Loving is your Friendship?

Proverbs 18:24

Introduction:
Friendship is born when two people from similar or different families and backgrounds find each other's company enjoyable. Sometimes we are drawn to certain people naturally and then a friendship starts. In God's kingdom, to have a friend you must also be friendly. Friendships are blessings that come in packages and it is our responsibility to nurture the ones that we already have by showing unconditional love, and so, be more prepared and mature to do better with the ones that will come in future. Today we will be discussing on how to enjoy a loving friendship.

Discussion:
1. Briefly describe any of your current friendships. Does it give to you or take away from you? Discuss.
2. For friendship to thrive, it must be nurtured so that both parties can enjoy and benefit from it. Here are a few points to help build your friendships. 1Cor 13:4-8
   a. Don't take each other for granted
   b. Be ready to overlook your differences and cover your weaknesses. Prov. 17:19
   c. Have a listening ear and have an encouraging tongue. Col. 4:6
   d. Always do things together; This brings closeness. Acts 2:44
   e. Encourage each other to practice good physical hygiene
   f. Always tell each other the truth in love. Ephesians 4:15

Conclusion:
You are the salt of the earth, God's favour is all around you. Be a true and dependable friend to those that come your way and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom in all situations. You will succeed in Jesus Name.
Doing Business with Passion

Eccl. 9:10, Prov. 22:29

Introduction

To be passionate is to be driven, enthusiastic and excited about a particular cause. This makes us go the extra mile and is a necessary ingredient for succeeding in business, relationships or any field of endeavor. The lack of passion makes us reactive and hinders our ability to forge ahead during challenging situations, and so at best, achieve mediocre results. Today our discussion will be centered on how we can increase our productivity through passion.

Discussion

1. Is Passion alone sufficient to build a successful business? (Discuss)

2. Be it in your career, businesses or relationships, you need a driving force and zeal to attain success. Below are tips that can sustain your passion and interest in your relationships and work areas:

   - Build a culture of accountability (Rom 14:12)
   - Be a good team player (Eccl. 4:9-10)
   - Have respect for your colleagues and your organization (Rom 12:10)
   - Develop effective communication skills (Psa. 37:30)
   - Increase your level of tolerance (1 Pet. 4:8-9)
   - Be a good brand ambassador for your organization (Phil 2:3)

Mention others.

Conclusion

Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might' (Eccl 9:10). Whether in business or in your relationships, you have to put in your best and give the necessary zeal required to make a success out of life. You will succeed in Jesus name.
KIDDIES HOME FELLOWSHIP OUTLINE (LITTLE STARS 1 - 5)

Draw and colour yourself and members of your family on the family tree.