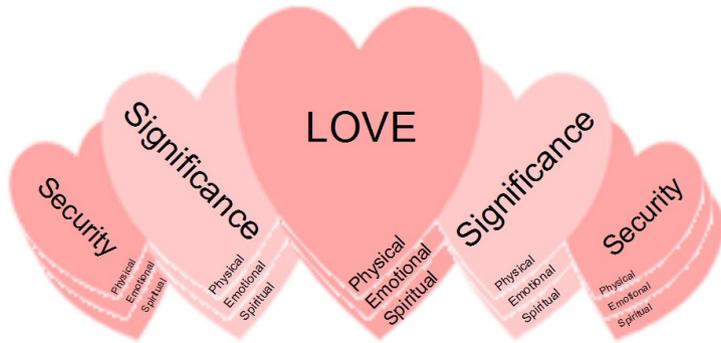




Happy Valentines Day



Love is complicated ... Proverbs 30:18-19 states it:
*There be three things which are too wonderful
for me, yea, four which I know not: The way of
an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a
rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
and
the way of a man with a maid.*

February 14th is Valentines Day.
It is designed for lovers.

It is situated at the early throws of spring,
when hormones begin to arise and a
sudden renewed interest in the opposite
sex is on the horizon.

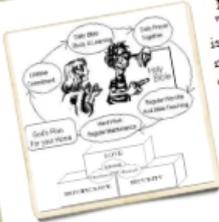
Anonymously from the nineteen- hundreds
from a Baptist Youth Pastor

Take full advantage of the day,
review your love life.

Happy Valentines Day
In a book to help your marriage

God's Plan For Your Marriage

Pastor Edward Rice



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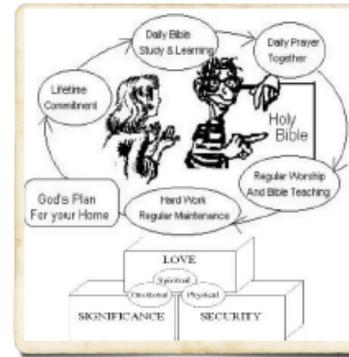


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Things that should be reviewed annually for a marriage that is a

Taste of Paradise Here on Earth



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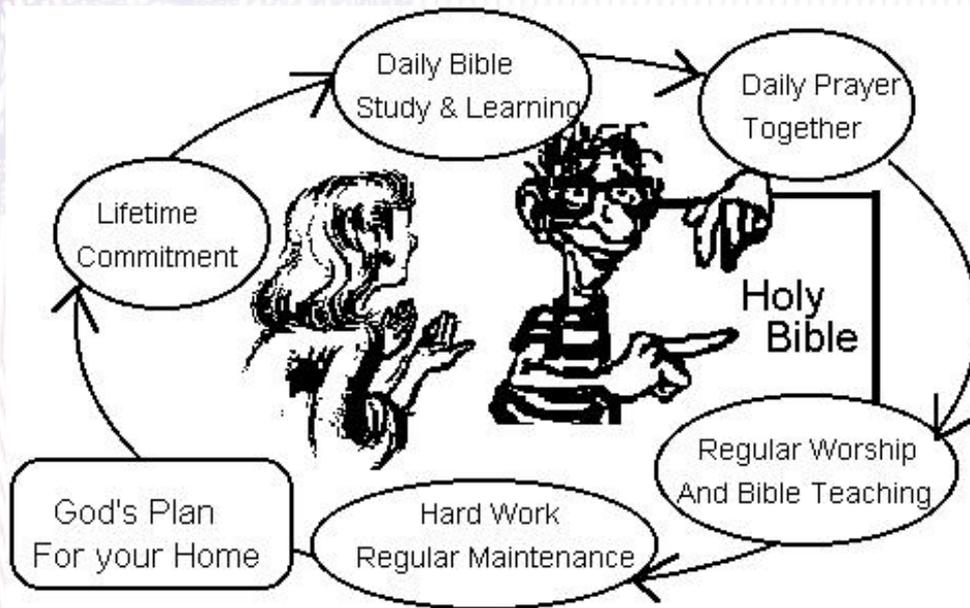
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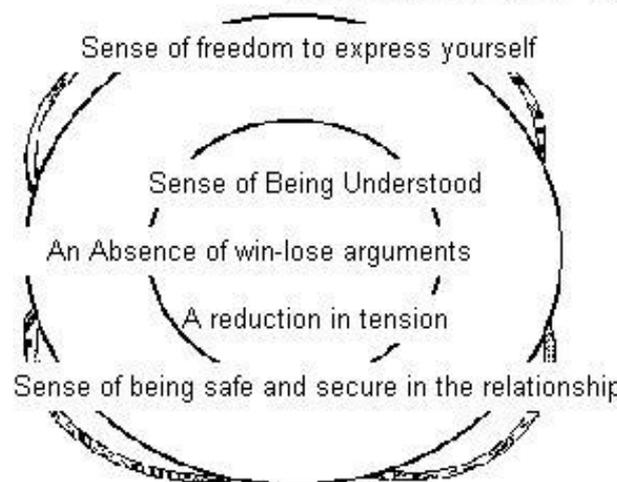
Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Gen 2:24

Marriage needs “The Role of One Flesh in COMMUNICATION.

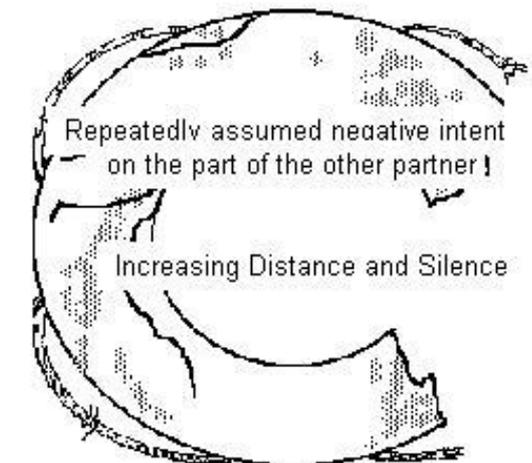
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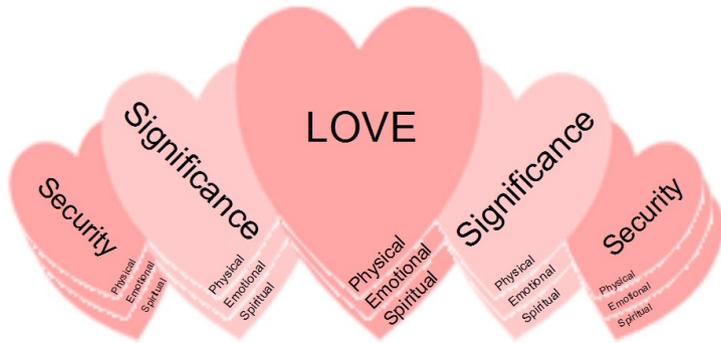
Communication - Lifeline to A Marriage



In Good Working Order



Critically Impaired



A counselors lead in question...

Why in the world did you
marry such a person in the
first place?

Regularly revisit “*Young Love*”

Remember why you married,
Remember being in Love.

Remember being Significant.

Remember being Secure.

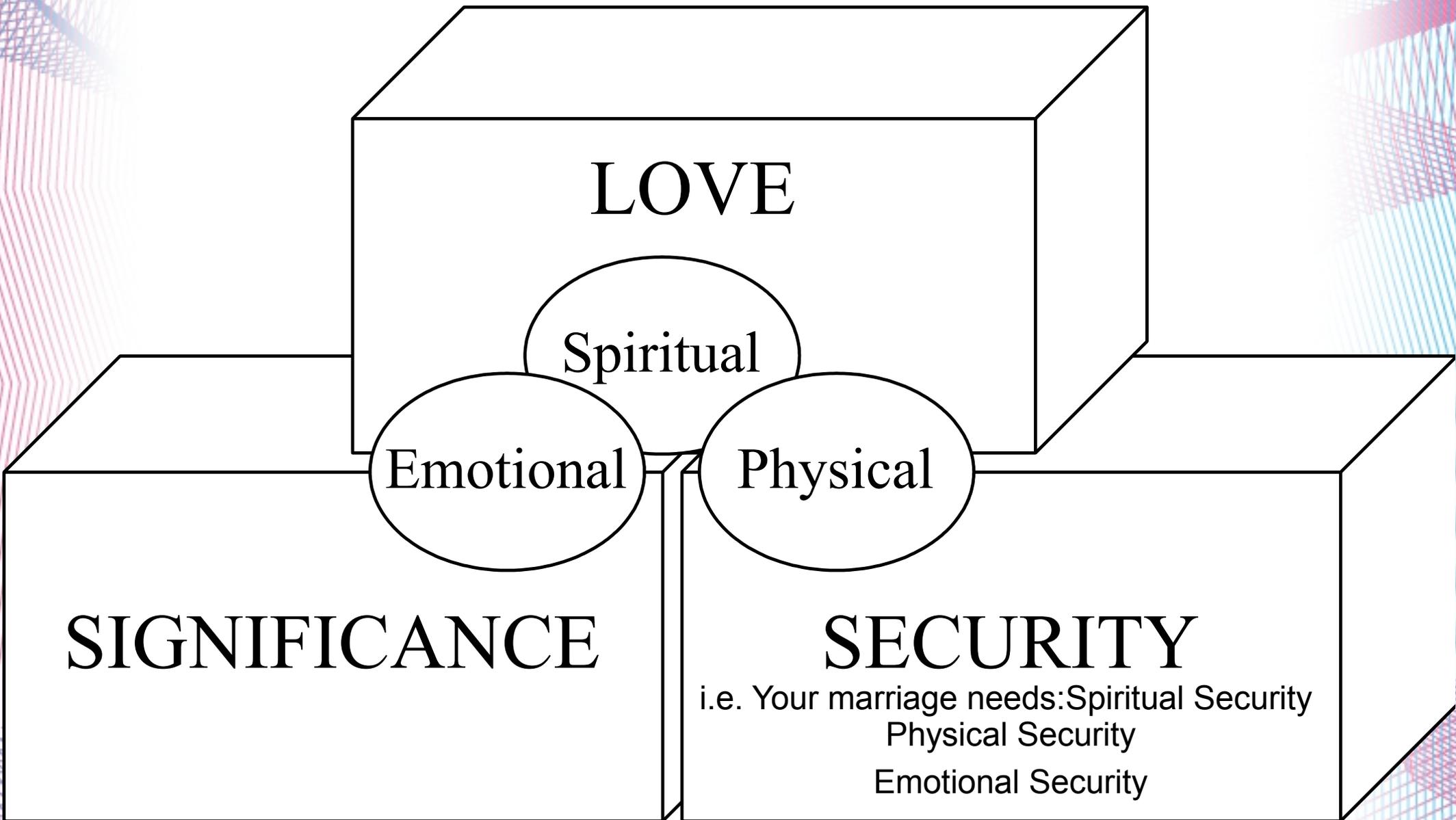
We marry for Love, Significance, and Security.

“She is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.” Mal 2:14b

Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually... Leave and Cleave

Leave mama, and cleave to your spouse!

It's complicated because it's NINE DIMENSIONAL



3 Relations &
3 Dimensions
For Rearing
Children

Love

**Spiritual
Love**
Jer 31:3

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**Love &
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3 Relations &
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The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. (Jer 31:3)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love *is* better than wine....Behold, thou *art* fair, my love; behold, thou *art* fair; thou *hast* doves' eyes. Behold, thou *art* fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also our bed *is* green....

I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters. (Song 1:2,15-16 2:1-2)

Significance

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Eph 5:22,25

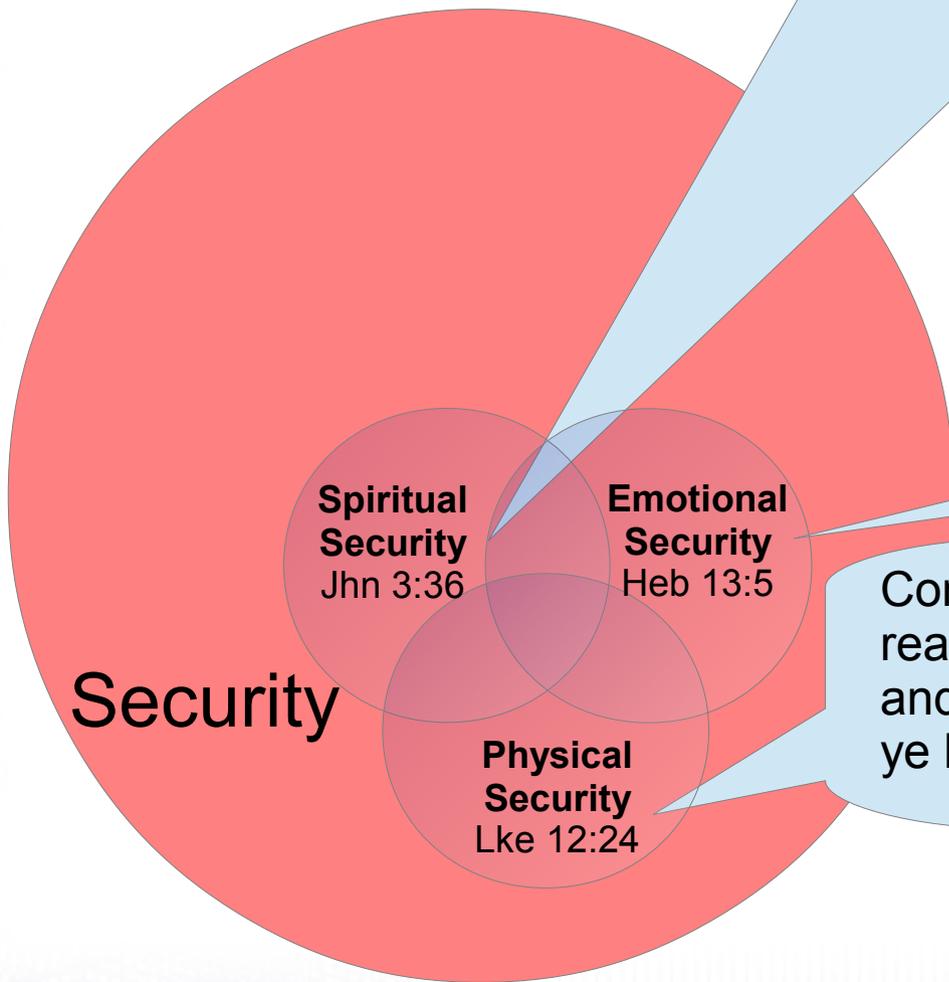
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Acts 1:8

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord....Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (Eph 5:22,25)

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (John 15:15)

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)



He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. (John 3:36)

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*** (Heb 13:5)

Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls? (Luke 12:24)

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Spouse's soul,... Soul-Mates,... One Flesh
Pursue spouse's spiritual growth.
If anyone knows of your salvation, it's them.
If anyone knows of your spiritual growth...

Love is emotional because it is an emotion!
Why in the world did you marry?
Remember your courtship days.
Say it out loud... I Love You.
Keep Emotional Love Alive and Healthy.

Touching is a powerful communicator... or not.
Remember when holding hands was electrifying?
Be arm in arm or holding hands when walking.
Be holding hands when you stare into their eyes.
Be caressing the arm when you say "I love you."
Heated arguments cool down quickly when your holding hands!
Touching is a powerful communicator... or not.
Nothing makes two one flesh more than
the intimate touch.

They shall be ONE FLESH
Leave (mama) and cleave to...
In sickness and health,
For better, for worse,
Till death do us part

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The ground at the cross of Christ is level, no male or female, no Jew or Gentile, no bond or free.
There is significance in the marital roles ♂♀
To God your spouse is SIGNIFICANT!
Stay in your role in family altar, Bible time, prayer time, and church.

God made us ♂♀, very different packages, with, and for very different roles.
Men are made of dirt,... women are not.
Spend life pondering the differences, and smile.
Men, "Dwell with them with understanding."

Imagine life with no significance shown to you or from you.
Now open the car door for her, Stand between her and the world as she lifts her skirt to climb out of the car... Show her significance.
Care about where your spouse is and what they are doing.
Not for jealousy reasons, but for significance reasons.
Make sure your significant other is significant, feels significant, and is shown significance.
Stop finishing your spouse's sentences!
You have two ears, one mouth, use them proportionately.

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- #1 Vows like Jesus' "I will never leave thee or forsake thee," are crucial and need rehearsed regularly (Valentines day is good).
- #2 The man needs to be the spiritual leader with a great spiritual maturity (Circumspect, Sober...)
- #3 Women are the more spiritual! Ketchup – Keepup – and Lead. Not driven about by every wind of doctrine! Regular Family Alter, Bible and Prayer times.

- #1 Vows... See #1 above, and know God's ♂♀ roles.
- #2 The weaker vessel needs the stronger arm to lean on. .
- #3 Men have insecurities never talked about... NEVER!
- #4 Men are testosteroneed confrontational leaders. Women are behind the scene manipulators. David n Abigail, or Ahab n Jezebel.

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- #2 The husband is the provider, the bread winner, the one God will hold responsible.
- #3 The wife is the homemaker, and protected one, who does not open her own car door.

Spiritual Security
John 3:36

Emotional Security
Heb 13:5

Physical Security
Luke 12:24

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This can help.

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