

MARRIAGE NIGHT

REAL LOVE

Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honour. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offence. Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. Love never stops loving. 1 Cor. 13:4-8a TPT

Proverbs 24:3-4 (Amplified)

*Through skillful and godly wisdom a house, a life, a home, a family is built,
And by understanding it is established on a sound and good foundation,
and by knowledge its rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

1. Real Love is fueled with dreams

2. Real love is carried by Commitment

"Ceasing to be 'in love' need not mean ceasing to love. Love in this second sense - love as distinct from 'being in love' - is not merely a feeling. It is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by (in Christian marriages) the grace which both partners ask, and receive, from God. They can have this love for each other even at those moments when they do not like each other; as you love yourself even when you do not like yourself. They can retain this love even when each would easily, if they allowed themselves, be 'in love' with someone else. 'Being in love' first moved them to promise fidelity: this quieter love enables them to keep the promise."

— **C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity**

3. Real Love is committed to Connection

May the words of my mouth, my meditation-thoughts, and every movement of my heart be always pure and pleasing, acceptable before your eyes. *Ps 19:14 (TPT)*

4. Real Love Serves Each Other

5. Real Love Flourishes when we Stay Amazed

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6. Real Loves Celebrates Sexual Intimacy

Couples Homework:

- **Which is the area that you feel that you are the strongest at as a couple?**
- **What is one area that you would like to work on together to strengthen your relationship?**