

WITH THIS RING

Encouragement for Marrieds and those preparing for Marriage

WORLD EXPECTATIONS

“We get married on a high and it’s a downhill trip from there!”

“Those with a good marriage are just lucky!”

Sadly these seem to be common sentiments in the world today. This pessimistic, fatalistic type of thinking pervades much of what we read and see.

The problem with most unfulfilled marriages lies in self-centred attitudes.

The good news is that this is not what God, the designer of relationships, intends. It is His plan that we will see our marriages as His gift. No human marriage is perfect, but, with the investment of time and effort, we can always make it more fulfilling (and enjoyable).

The secret is to put our partner’s welfare before our own. God’s word puts it this way: “(Husbands) each one of you must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” (Ephesians 5:33 TNIV)

With this “selfless” attitude, all the benefits of companionship, friendship, physical closeness and a sense of teamwork will follow.

May you experience the best possible marriage relationship.

PRAYER POINT: *Pray for wisdom in dealing with your children and with your parents.*

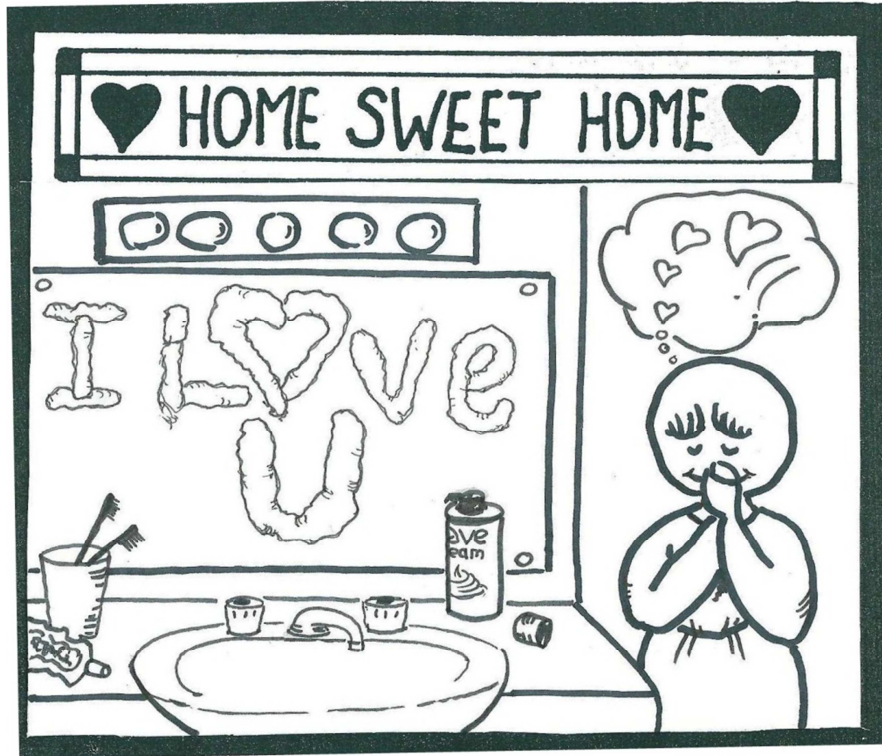
We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly. Anonymous

THE LORD'S LEADING

“...encourage one another and build each other up...” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (Today’s New International Version)

MARRIED AND STILL DATING...

Go to a bakery together and choose a treat for the two of you to share.



THE FUN AND SURPRISES SHOULDN'T END AT THE WEDDING.

TALK TOGETHER!

Take some time-out to share with each other your ideas and plans for future holidays together.

WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year olds)

- ✓ "Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little kids of their own. They like other people's."
- ✓ "Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them."
- ✓ "When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars."
- ✓ "When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again."
- ✓ "Everybody should try to have a grandmother because they are the only grown ups who like to spend time with us."

STRENGTHENING YOUR MARRIAGE

The final Growing Together in Marriage Weekend Retreat will be held on the Weekend of 4-6 November at the Barossa Weintal Resort. Many Rostrevor Baptist couples have had their marriage relationships richly blessed by these Weekends. Why not plan now to invest in your marriage in this way in November? Brochures available on the stands in the foyers or contact Rob and Lee Allen (83317061).

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