



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always

protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails.

But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.



Love is the Greatest Force on Earth. Feelings come and go. The Bible offers a different kind of love. This says I am committed to act lovingly regardless how I feel. Feelings don't last, but Biblical love is eternal.



Wichita First Church of the Nazarene Women's Ministries

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Highlights from Festival Of Marriage

Dr. Gary Chapman, was one of our special speakers at the 2013 Festival of Marriage. He started out by speaking about his well-known book, "The Five Love Languages."

He reported that each of us has a primary love language; our primary love language is how we usually express love to others as well as best receive love from our partner. Chapman encouraged each partner to become familiar with their partners primary love language. In doing so, each partner will be expressing love to the other in ways that are intentional and meaningful to their life partner. By being willing to express love to your mate in a type of way that is foreign to self, will allow your marriage to flourish and grow in ways one could not fathom.

Mark Merrill, laid out three truths for each couple to think about and explore: 1) Your spouse is Not the enemy, 2) Your tongue has remarkable power, and 3) You must unconditionally love your unlovable spouse. Merrill went on to emphasize the importance of being on the same team as your spouse. In order for this to be met, each partner must agree that their union of marriage needs to be top priority at all times in life. Merrill encouraged couples to make a commitment to each other that they will be married for life; they will strive to meet sexual needs of spouse, and commit to always being honest with spouse, even at times that honesty hurts. Although honesty is a must in relationships, Merrill noted that our words should be "chained, tamed, and trained," emphasizing the importance of showing love through our words, and thinking about what we are going to say before allowing words to leave our lips. The last truth, "You must unconditionally love your unlovable spouse," is by far the hardest truth to complete successfully. Merrill talked about the importance of loving your spouse the most when they deserve it the least. Showing love to your unlovable spouse is in no way logical; I'd even argue this kind of love can be looked at as irrational. Loving is not always reciprocal, but always beneficial and sacrificial. This sacrificial love is the kind of love Jesus Christ calls us to live by each and every day.

Vickie's Visions



With this thought, that feelings come and go, how does that affect people's lives? I have a friend who has been divorced 4 times. What does that behavior say to her children? Dissolve a relationship when the feelings are gone? If we went by our feelings we would possible murder someone daily. So what do we do with lost feelings of love? Let's try asking God to replace our feelings with former love feelings. Ask Him for help to cope or give us wisdom, it only comes form Him anyway, on helping build back the relationship. Our world is unstable. We have to attach ourselves to a God who is stable. He is faithful to His Word. Is promises and commandments are for us all. May the author of real love surround you with His peace.

Love and Prayers, Vickie



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Stuff You'd Enjoy

Every Tuesday afternoon in the Parlor at 1:30, Elfrieda Shellenberger facilitates a Bible Study. I'm sure she would not mind if you wanted to attend.

On Sunday nights from 5:30 – 7:00 pm, in the Parlor, through March 2nd, Gloria McGinley facilitates a Bible Study by Kay Arthur. It is never too late to get in on any of these sessions. The DVD's are full of God inspired information that will help you grow closer to Him.

On February 27th at the Wichita Country Club, 8501 E 13th beginning at 11:30 – 1:15 the East Wichita Christian Women's Connection has a special time of fellowship. Lunch is \$14.00 which includes the speaker and special music. This month Doris Schroeder, is sharing about "The Color Wheel of Living." Special music will be from soloist Allison Newport. For reservations: Call Ladean, 682.1495.

Saturday, February 8th, we're going to have breakfast at the popular Doo Da Diner before heading to the 60th annual Home Show at Century II. This is a great way to get ideas on how to redecorate/remodel your home or to simply spend time with ladies of the church. No need to carpool this time since the Doo Da Diner (on Kellogg at Market) is just a few blocks away from Century II. Let's

