

# Family Life and Language Series:

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## FOUR FOUNDATIONAL LAWS OF LOVE IN MARRIAGE:

**Genesis 2: 24-25 (NKJV)** - “<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

- 1) **The Law of PRIORITY.** The word “*leave*” in Vs 24 literally means “*to loosen or relinquish*”. God meant that a man was to relinquish the highest position of commitment and devotion previously given to his parents in order to give that position to his wife. God did not mean a man was to stop **HONORING** his parents. However, at the time of his marriage, a man’s parents were to be released into a lower-priority position in his life. **LOVE** begins with Priorities!
- 2) **The Law of PURSUIT.** The Hebrew word translated “*cleave*” in Vs 24 does not mean “*to cut, or to separate*” like a meat cleaver. It means the opposite: “*to pursue with great energy and to cling to something zealously.*” To activate the Law of Pursuit you purposefully and practically IN-V.E.S.T. in Intimacy. (**V** = VALUE, **E** = ENERGY & EFFORT, **S** = SACRIFICE, and **I** = TRUST).
- 3) **The Law of POSSESSION.** Essentially this is a sharing of the BENEFITS, and the BURDENS of roles, rights, and responsibility. A sharing of **OWNERSHIP** and **CONTROL** of all that belongs - (1) BODY, (2) BILLS, (3) BLESSINGS, (4) BENEFITS, (5) BLENDED family situations, (6) BAD times, etc. (Ex: Lordship of Jesus, Discipleship Cost, **1 Corinthians 7:1 - 5 (NKJV)** - This Law has NO exceptions).
- 4) **The Law of PURITY.** Is your marriage naked? Nakedness is **OPENNESS, HONESTY,** and **TRANSPARENCY.** **Sin** and **Shame** are the greatest obstacles to **OPENNESS!**

God’s Plan A for Marriage: **Ephesians 5:22 - 33** - “A Spirit-filled Marriage”. 4 Verses are for the Wife; 9 Verses are for the Husband. This is God’s ONLY Plan for Marriage and the key to a healthy, happy, holy, and heavenly marriage.

## HOW TO SPEAK YOUR SPOUSE’S LOVE LANGUAGE



WHICH LOVE LANGUAGE?	HOW TO COMMUNICATE	ACTIONS TO TAKE	THINGS TO AVOID
WORDS OF AFFIRMATION	Encourage, affirm, appreciate, empathize. Listen actively.	Send an unexpected note, text, or card. Encourage genuinely and often.	Non-constructive criticism, not recognizing or appreciating effort.
PHYSICAL TOUCH	Non-verbal - use body language and touch to emphasize love.	Hug, kiss, hold hands, show physical affection regularly. Make intimacy a thoughtful priority.	Physical neglect, long stints without intimacy, receiving affection coldly.
RECEIVING GIFTS	Thoughtfulness, make your spouse a priority, speak purposefully.	Give thoughtful gifts and gestures. Small things matter in a big way. Express gratitude when receiving a gift.	Forgetting special occasions, unenthusiastic gift receiving.
QUALITY TIME	Uninterrupted and focused conversations. One-on-one time is critical.	Create special moments together, take walks and do small things with your spouse. Weekend getaways are huge.	Distractions when spending time together. Long stints without one-on-one time.
ACTS OF SERVICE	Use action phrases like “I’ll help...”. They want to know you’re with them, partnered with them.	Do chores together or make them breakfast in bed. Go out of your way to help alleviate their daily workload.	Making the requests of others a higher priority, lacking follow-through on tasks big and small.

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# **LOVE AND HONOR ARE VITALLY IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE, LIFESTYLE, AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY**

- **Ephesians 5:33 (AMPC)** - *“However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she RESPECTS and REVERENCES her husband [that she notices him, regards him, HONORS him, prefers him, venerates, and ESTEEMS him, and that she defers to him; praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].”*
  - ❑ **LOVE** and **RESPECT** (HONOR) are the keys to Live-giving Love and Life-giving Language in the Marriage and in the Family.
  - ❑ The Husband willingly gives unconditional, sacrificial, selfless, fully committed, and godly **LOVE** to his wife; The Wife is to give and respond with **HONOR**, respect, and genuine esteem to her husband. This is the master key to making the Marriage and Family go and grow strong, healthy, fuel happiness, remain holy, and be God-honoring.
- **1 Corinthians 13:5 (TPT)** - *“Love does not traffic in shame and DISRESPECT, nor selfishly seek its own HONOR. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense.”*
  - ❑ Our **LOVE** Walk and our **HONOR** Walk breed peace and produces life and health - they are connected. **DISHONOR** traffics in shaming others, clapping back at, complaining about, criticizing, being cynical, condemning, and **DISRESPECTING** others.
  - ❑ Selfishness and natural human **LOVE** seeks to **HONOR** himself/herself. It turns to **HATE** quickly and gets **OFFENDED** or get very **OFFENSIVE** quickly. This offensive behavior **DEFAMES** and **DEFRAUDS** others - becomes a dishonoring “Equalizer”.
- **Romans 12:10 (TPT)** - *“Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in RESPECT and HONOR of one another.”*
- **Hebrews 13:4 (TPT)** - *“HONOR the sanctity of marriage and keep your vows of purity to one another, for God will judge sexual immorality in any form, whether single or married.”*
  - ❑ Not only should the Spouses **HONOR** each other, and children **HONOR** their Parents, but the Holy Institution of Marriage is to be **HONORED** and the life of marriage and language about the marriage should **HONOR** God and reflect **HONOR** to His idea.
- **Ephesians 6:1 - 2 (TPT)** - *“Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. For the commandment, “HONOR your father and your mother,” was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: “You will prosper and live a long, full life if you HONOR your parents.”*
- **Read 1 Peter 3:1 - 12 (TPT)**

AREA OF HONOR	REWARDS OF HONOR
Our Parents	Promise of Wellness, Favor and Longevity
Our Spouse	Grace, Favor and Answers to our Prayers via the Power of Agreement

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