

BUILDING A WINNING MARRIAGE TEAM

Lesson Two: Practice Makes Perfect

REVIEW LESSON ONE: THE WINNING GAME PLAN

1. COMMITMENT

I must be willing to be unhappy for a season until we work things out.

2. CHARACTER

The greater purpose in marriage is to become like Christ.

3. CONCENTRATION

Husbands must concentrate on giving their wives affection and wives in giving their husbands admiration.

4. COOPERATION

When confronted with problems, you can attack one another or come together as a team to solve your problems.

5. CONDITIONING

Winning marriages are not the result of chance but hard work.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3: 14 (NLT)

KEY TRUTH: 1 Corinthians 13, known as the love chapter, describes love in verses 4-8 with 15 VERBS. God describes love not in terms of FEELINGS, but by painting a portrait of what love DOES.

APPLICATION: I learn to love my marriage partner by the PRACTICE of love. Love is a choice to invest in my marriage, a choice that will often run CONTRARY to my feelings, but a choice that has the power to CHANGE my feelings. By doing loving ACTIONS toward my marriage partner I develop loving feelings for my marriage partner.

PRACTICING LOVE IN MARRIAGE (1 Corinthians 13: 4-5)

1. Love practices NON-RETALIATION.

This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience...

2. Love practices KINDNESS.

...it looks for a way of being constructive.

3. Love practices CONTENTMENT.

It is not possessive...

4. Love practices HUMILITY.

...it is neither anxious to impress nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.

5. Love practices GOOD MANNERS.

Love has good manners...

6. Love practices BEING A SERVANT.

...and does not pursue selfish advantage.

7. Love practices ANGER MANAGEMENT.

It is not touchy.

8. Love practices FORGIVENESS.

It does not keep account of evil...