

IGNITE: The Love Dare

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COMMAND: We are to _____ others, especially our _____
- *John 15:17; Ephesians 5:25*

THREE PREDICTABLE STAGES OF MARRIAGE

- Stage One: _____
- Stage Two: _____
- Stage Three: _____

SIDE NOTE: If single, before you can expect to _____ that special someone, you need to focus on _____ that special someone
- *1 Corinthians 7:7*

BIBLICAL TRUTH: The most important thing you can do for your spouse is to _____ them with a _____ love

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

WHAT IS MATURE LOVE?

1 Corinthians 13

- Love is _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:4*
- Love is _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:4*
- Love is _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:5*
- Love is _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:6*
- Love _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:7*
- Love is _____ - *1 Corinthians 13:8*

CHALLENGE: Three things to help your marriage ...

- Take the love _____
- Attend the Solid Rock Couple's _____
- Consider renewing your _____ in a public ceremony

FINAL THOUGHT: The only way we can truly love our _____ is through an expression of the love _____ has for us
- *1 John 4:19*

NEXT STEP

Take today's message as starting point for further study. This week read the Scriptures below and answer the questions that go along with each.

MONDAY

Read Song of Solomon 2:2-5, 8; 4:1-7 and Proverbs 27:15-16. Compare and contrast these two portions of Scripture. Which "stage" do you think each are in?

TUESDAY

Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What is the primary responsibility of the husband? What is the primary responsibility of the wife?

WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 12:10 and Philippians 2:3. Does your spouse FEEL like they are the most important thing or would they say you look out for yourself first?

THURSDAY

Read Genesis 2:21-24. What does the phrase, "two become one" mean? How can you show this kind of unity in your marriage?

FRIDAY

Read Matthew 19:5-6. For richer, for poorer ... in sickness and in health. What are you doing to protect your marriage for the long haul?

SATURDAY

What was the most meaningful statement or Scripture you read this week?

What does God want you to do as a result of this week's study?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

There are several things for you to consider this week. First, pick up a copy of the book *The Love Dare* and complete each daily challenge. Second, talk to your spouse about attending this year's couple's retreat in Frankenmuth, MI (May 29-30). Finally, talk to your spouse and the possibility of publicly renewing your wedding vows on Sunday, May 30 during our morning worship service. Each of these challenges require you to be proactive beginning this week.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 8-15

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

1 Corinthians 13:13

