

Does Love Live at Your House?

*Beloved, let us unselfishly love and seek the best for one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves others is born of God and knows God through personal experience. The one who does not love has not become acquainted with God, does not and never did know Him, **for God is love.** He is the originator of love, and it is an enduring attribute of His nature.*

I John 4:7-8 AMP



Love is a person! **God does not just love us, but He is Love.** The more of God we have inside of us, the more love we will have towards ourselves and to give away to others. Just to be clear, the love that I'm speaking about here is "*Hesed Love.*" This is a love that is **unconditional**; there is nothing we can ever say, do, or not do towards our heavenly Father that would ever stop Him from loving us. He loves us because that is who He is! His love is a covenant love, something that Father will never break with anyone whether we keep our part of the covenant or not.



It was Father's plan and desire to have each one of us grow up in a loving home where we would receive His love first through our parents and then from Him directly as we grew up. He wanted us to carry His love into our own marriage and share it with our children. Love would become an integral part of every aspect of our relationship with our spouse and our children. I want to look at several ways that we can create an atmosphere in our home for our spouse and our children to feel loved and to experience more of Father's Love for us.



Conversations/Communications

This is a big topic, but several things come to mind. We are sending out messages to each other all the time not only with our words, but nonverbally too. Our tone of voice, facial expressions, body language, and looks also impact our heart and make us feel loved or not. Several of our "Marriage God's Way!" lessons on our website will give you some helpful ways to make your interactions with each other more pleasant and loving!

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One question I heard years ago that the Holy Spirit keeps reminding me about is, "How would you speak to your spouse or child if you saw that Jesus was standing right behind them?" Ouch! I still have more room to grow in this area myself! I'm working on responding from the love that is already in me and create an atmosphere of love in our house.



Physical Interactions

Physical touch is one of the most powerful ways that we can express our love or our anger and disapproval towards someone. It is even more amplified if the receiving person's love language is physical touch! Other physical interactions can include disciplining a child, comforting a hurting person, showing affection or acceptance, or offering praise or encouragement, and much more. We can set the atmosphere and temperature of the home by what we say and physically do with each other. The home needs to be a safe place where love abounds and grows between husbands and wives and their children.



Resolving conflicts

This is a place where we really need to have lots of love in our heart and home even before conflicts arise! Conflicts will happen even in the most loving homes just because we are all different and have been influenced by the environments where we grew up. However, there are

ways that we can resolve our differences in love and keep the relationship alive and healthy. Again, we have another lesson on our website that can give you some helpful ideas to deal with the difficult conflicts we all have to face in our marriages. If things are not going well, please don't wait to seek Godly counsel from people who have healthy marriages or professional counselors!



Setting priorities

Time with God and walking in His Love must always be your highest priorities with your time and making all your decisions in life. The more love you receive from Him, the more love you will have to give away to your wife and family. Father knows best and Godly counsel can also help you make the right choices in your life and keep Love as the central focus in your home.



Finances

Everything you do, including all your money, needs to be motivated by love, Father is the one who has allowed money to come into your family and life. Honor Father with your tithe and all your increases, trusting Father to take care of all your needs according to His riches in glory. Be a wise steward of all He gives you and be led by your heart on all the major decisions you make with finances. Your heart and trust must always be in Father and His love for you!



Children

Every child wants to know who they are, their true identity. Father forms us in our mother's womb and gives us the body that matches our identity as His son or daughter. It's the parents' responsibility to help their children walk into their true identity and destiny. Through our actions, time, and words, we teach them how to receive and live in the Father's Love and have a Biblical world view.

Start today to let more of His Love live in your Home, and together we will change the world!!!

Dialogue Questions

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 (highest), where do you see the level of Father's Love being evident in your home. Give specific reasons why you have made that rating. How Does That Make You Feel? Exchange your papers and discuss how you might increase the Love in your home.
2. Pick one or more of the areas above and list at least 5 ways you might improve the level of Father's Love in that area. For each one, How Does That Make You Feel? Exchange papers and discuss ways you are going to implement those actions either yourself or as a team effort.

Fun Night Ideas

Wink and flirt with each other during the day and whisper seductive comments in his or her ear. Put on some romantic music in the evening and wear something sexy. Enjoy one of your favorite meals and see where the evening goes!

Hold each other on the sofa or lie next to each other in bed while you listen to romantic music and/or watch a video of beautiful scenery or cities as you hold each other. Or fall asleep holding each other as you listen to music.