

#1 Venus and Mars in the Beginning Series: Love for a Lifetime

A. 3 Initial questions:

1. Where have you learned what you know about love; and, is that a good or a bad thing?
2. Are you being honest with yourself about the current reality of yourself and your relationships?
3. Are you proactively working towards God's vision for love in your life? Have you learned from the mistakes of your past and are you changing to provide for this vision of a better future?

B. Develop a new conscious concerning love and marriage by learning about God's _____ of love for your life

1. Be honest with yourself about the unhealthy places in your past and present that are hurting your chances for "God's best" concerning your relationships; then, step out with faith and patience, take some chances, and be proactive in getting this part of your life where you feel God is calling you to be

C. It is through your differences that you will find _____

1. Healthy marriages/relationships will only occur when you learn to appreciate your differences, rather than letting them get on your nerves and drive you apart
2. Humans are, by nature, _____ beings, and we were created with holes in our hearts and minds to be filled by new and different experiences
3. It is through their *differences* that Adam & Eve could enjoy learning, and growing, and experiences new things together; experiencing those new things included them learning about _____
4. If they are only differences, and if they are not _____, *thank God* that they are different than you, and learn to appreciate the new attitude, perspective, and experiences that this other person brings into your life

D. The opposite of not rejoicing in, valuing, and celebrating another person's differences is called prejudice and _____

1. Isn't it ironic that, when we get frustrated or angry with people because they do not act, think, or speak things we want them to, we are calling *them* wrong, but in fact we have lowered ourselves into prejudice and discrimination, which makes _____ wrong
2. Gal 3:28, "Neither male nor female, Jew nor Greek, slave nor free; not the husband, not the wife, not one friend over another, no one is better than anyone else." God loves everyone equally and without prejudice

E. When we can learn to love each other as true equals, without any bias or prejudice, when we can learn to love our spouses (friends and family too) such that we appreciate their differences, we truly are on the path that leads to a love that lasts a lifetime