

STUDENT HANDOUT — Seminar 1, Session 4

SCRIPTURE: I Cor. 13:4-8a

IV. An Effective Way to _____.

A. This kind of marriage is the one that has worked out a way to solve problems in the home.

1. This is the kind of home that has a way or plan to work out the conflicts that come into the home.

2. We need to clearly understand that whenever you have two or more people having a continuing relationship, there will be conflict.

3. Whenever there is conflict there can only be one of two outcomes:

a. We will either _____ and even _____ each other.

b. Or we will _____ up each other and _____ from the experience.

B. How Should We Solve Problems In Our Marriage?

1. Do not _____ your problem.

2. Do not underestimate your _____ to recover from these problems.

3. Do not _____ your problem.

4. Consider all the _____ for your problem and _____ one.

5. If your problems are not being _____ be willing to seek _____ if really needed.

APPLICATION

Let me encourage you with this: One thing you really need to know is if you really do have a problem.

There are some things in a family that are just not going to change. Don't take this in a negative way or in a "give up the problem way."

Remember, we are all different people and all have our different ways and different personalities. It is not really a problem for different personalities to never see things in the same way or like the same things.

If you cannot do anything about it, this is not a problem — it is a fact of life. There are too many people trying to fix the facts of life where the temperament of the spouse or even the child makes it very clear that is the way they are and they are going to always be that way.

When you understand this, then you can back away and quit trying to fix everything.

Major on fixing the things that are broke.

Let me share a newspaper ad about a guy and remember this is about resolving conflict. Here is what it said, “I would like to announce that the notice I put in this newspaper last Saturday was in error. I will be responsible for any debts incurred by my wife and I will start paying after I get out of the hospital.”

CONCLUSION

Take hold of your companion’s hand and pray a prayer of commitment to acknowledge, confirm, resolve the conflicts in your marriage.