



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“When asked if I go hunting, I reply, No, I already got my two legged dear.”

Love and Marriage

Valentine’s Day is the time of showing our love to our sweethearts. Whether it is between friends or spouses it is the day to express our care, appreciation, and affection to a special someone in our lives. Many times this affection leads to a proposal for marriage. (That was the day I asked my sweetheart to marry me.)

But today marriage is taken so lightly. I know of a government office who married a couple just so the person can get their Green Card to become a US citizen. Another former co-worker met someone on-line who lived in Russia. He flew over and got her and her son. They stayed together longer enough until her son became a citizen. Another friend of mine was married 6 times. Too many of the married Christian couples, which I have known over the years, are no longer together. To find couples married for more than 30 years is getting harder every generation.

Marriage was first defined by God at the start of mankind. “Jesus answered and said unto them, “Have ye not read, that He which made them at the beginning made them male and female.” And said, “For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, 19:5- 6, Mark 10:7, Gen 2:24, Eph 5:31.

Divorce was never in God’s plan “Jesus saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.” Matt19:8

Marriage is the joining of two individuals who have their own personalities, backgrounds, hopes, expectations and sin nature. Then it is not easy with the worldly pressures, easy access to fleshly pleasures, and the Devil. But God has not left us on our own. He has written a book on how to make it work. In His book, there are also words of hope for those who had a broken relationship or are looking for a relationship.

Do not just express your love on one day a year but learn and apply God’s principles every day to your marriage. It will help with the promise you made (which is engraved in my wife’s and my rings) “Till death ... do we part.”



“Susan, Will you marry me?”

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“Will you be my Valentine?” God Till death do we part.



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