A More Perfect Way?

Who has the perfect marriage? On our best days some of us can say “We do.” Then there are those other days when we scarcely believe we know what even a good marriage looks like. I find it far easier to tell others how to have a very good marriage than actually to have one. We are tempted to believe the subtle lie suggesting that the very best marriages are those in which passion remains in the driver’s seat, as they say, 24/7. The Senior Devil put it well (or was it really C.S. Lewis?):

Humans who have not the gift of continence can be deterred from seeking marriage as a solution because they do not find themselves “in love,” and, thanks to us, the idea of marrying with any other motive seems to them low and cynical. Yes, they think that. They regard the intention of loyalty to a partnership for mutual help, for the preservation of chastity, and for the transmission of life, as something lower than a storm of emotion.

This coming week brings the opportunity to give our marriages a “tune up.” The Marriage Matters Seminar with Jerry and Lynn Jones begins Sunday morning, October 21 at 9 AM. Arrive 10 minutes earlier than your usual time. Not married? Not to worry. There will be much to hear that will be useful in all interpersonal relationships. The schedule is somewhat rigorous (see details inside), but not unmanageable. This will be well worth your time and an investment that might even…well, I’ll leave that to you.

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