

This Is Not Quite What I Expected

Unrealistic Expectations

Young people usually enter into marriage with very distinct ideas about what the marriage will be and what roles each spouse will play in the marriage. Soon after the honeymoon this youthful idealism begins to give way to the realities of married life. To remain emotionally married couples must learn to evaluate and sometimes modify these expectations. This humorous, yet thought-provoking presentation brings to light some of these unrealistic expectations and provides some guidance for modifying them.



I. Expectations of Marriage

A. "Love Is _____"

1. Agape: _____

a. Not _____

b. Stands against behavior that is _____

2. Phileo: _____

3. Eros: _____

4. Epithumia: _____

B. "All my needs _____"

God would not create a relationship that would _____

C. "Having sex equals _____"

1. Age _____

2. Habituation: _____

3. Difference in “ _____ ”
and “ _____ ”

Solution: _____

D. “Financial Matters _____”

1. *Prevent* _____

a. lack of _____

b. desire for _____

c. search for _____

2. *Avoid* _____

a. provide _____

b. negotiate _____

c. establish _____

3. *Establish* _____

a. delay _____

b. avoid _____

c. beware of _____

d. refuse _____

4. *Plan* for _____

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

II. Expectations of the Spouse

A. My spouse will _____

B. My spouse should _____

C. My spouse is _____

III. Flexibility

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