

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. In order 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. "All my needs _____"

God would not create a relationship that would _____

B. "Love Is" _____

1. Agape: _____

a. Not unconditional _____

b. Stands against behavior that is _____

2. Phileo: _____

3. Eros: _____

4. Epithumia: _____



**Marriage
Matters**

C. "Having sex might NOT equal _____"

1. Age affects _____

2. Habituation: We become used to the _____

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 _____

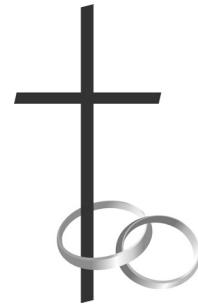
3. *Establish* _____

a. delay _____

b. avoid _____

c. beware of _____

d. refuse _____



4. *Plan* for _____

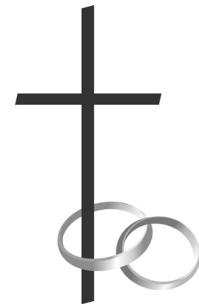
a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____



II. Expectations in a Spouse

A. "My spouse will _____"

B. "My spouse should _____"

C. "My spouse is acting a certain way therefore I know what he or
she _____"

III. Flexibility

" _____"