

# This Is Not Quite What I Expected



## Unrealistic Expectations

*Young people usually enter into a 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 in a Marriage

A. "All my needs \_\_\_\_\_"

God would not create a relationship that would \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. "Love is \_\_\_\_\_"

1. Agape: \_\_\_\_\_

a. Not \_\_\_\_\_

b. Stands against behavior that is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Phileo: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Eros: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Epithumia: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

b. establish \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## III. Flexibility

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”