

On Falling in Love

People long for intimacy from the bottom of their hearts, longing to love and to be loved, and having long-term and stable relationships. People are afraid of being alone and need to be affirmed by others. Healthy intimacy makes people feel appreciated, accepted and affirmed from the depths of their hearts, thus bringing a sense of happiness and fulfilment. However, since love involves the depths of people's hearts, a careless love attitude and immature behavior will bring great harm, and may even affect future interpersonal relationships and destroy future happiness in marriage.

Regarding the attitudes of young people in Hong Kong towards love, an expert said: "Being influenced by family and society, many young men and women are both greedy for novelty and self-centered, and only have a 'fast food' mentality for love. This phenomenon may lead to sexual openness, which will affect the family concept in the future of Hong Kong. Why do young people embrace this 'fast-food culture'? Because they pay attention to feeling and want to be valued. In addition, in the early stage of dating, the body will be affected by hormones, and it is easy to generate passion, infatuation, and love. But after a period of time, the influence of love naturally gradually diminishes, or even disappears completely. In addition, many young people come from small and medium-sized families, and their personalities are more self-oriented, lacking tolerance, and are easy to give up when facing emotional problems. In fact, this kind of "easy come and easy go" attitude toward love will affect the individual's ability to solve problems in the long run. When encountering problems, they will not know how to deal with them."

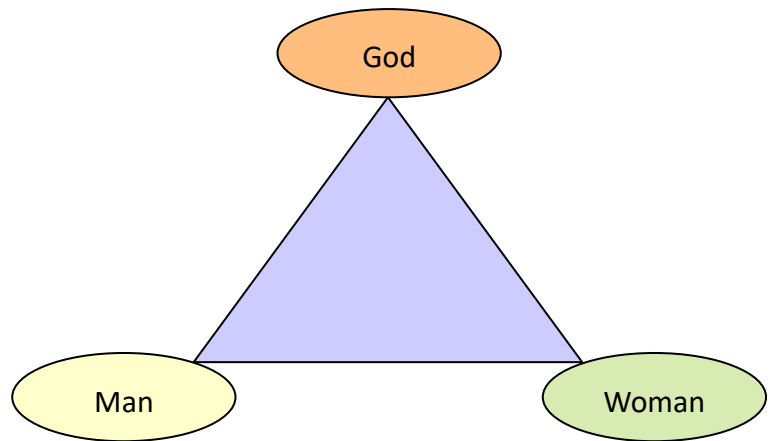
Most unmarried men and women are eager to have a long-term marriage and are unwilling to divorce. But they also accept having more than one sex partner, or even have more than one sex partner at the same time. In this way, it only reflects the selfishness of human nature, expecting good results, but is unwilling to have a correlated attitude and pay the price.

In fact, we can experience love with our spouse, not just in pursuit of temporary excitement, but slowly in pursuit of "true love". This love is a love that combines reason with emotion, involving actions of the will, and requiring restraint and personal growth. Our most basic emotional need is not to fall in love, but to be truly loved by another person, and to know that love is a matter of reason and choice, not just feelings. You need to be loved by another person who chooses you and sees that you have something to love. In the same way, your love for him or her is for the benefit of the other person, knowing that his or her life has become richer because of your efforts, so you will also have a sense of satisfaction (the satisfaction of truly loving someone).

The world's concept of love	God's Concept of Love
<p>Love is mainly for self-satisfaction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Some familiar words, such as: "You are not willing...you don't love me!" ◆ To marry a rich man and to have a comfortable life ◆ Out of wedlock, leave without care 	<p>Intimacy is a consequence of mutual commitment</p> <p>(Gen 2:22-25 So the Lord God made a woman out of the rib that the man had taken from him, and brought her to the man. The man said, This is the bone of my bones, and the flesh of my flesh, you may call her "Woman" because she was taken out of "man". Therefore, a man leaves his parents and joins his wife, and the two become one flesh. The husband and wife were naked and were not ashamed.)</p>
<p>Love is a feeling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dating for a long time, I break up when I feel bored ◆ As the saying goes: "Wife is like clothes" ◆ Most importantly, feel 	<p>Love is a decision</p> <p>(John 13:1 Before the Passover, Jesus knew that the time had come for him to depart to the Father. Since he loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end .)</p>
<p>Love cannot be controlled</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Express and pursue when you like someone, even if it is just a first acquaintance ◆ Sex is unavoidable when love is strong 	<p>Love is controllable</p> <p>(Heb 13:4 Marriage is to be honored by all, and the bed not to be defiled; for God will judge those who are sexually immoral.)</p>

In this era of romantic love, the real purpose of dating is to let lovers know more clearly whether they are actually suitable to be together. As a follower of the Lord, the following aspects need to be considered:

1. Does the other party put God first and are willing to follow the teachings of the Bible?
2. Can being with him or her make both people love Jesus more and love others more?
3. If I get married to the other party, will I still be able to fulfil God's calling by work together as husband and wife?
4. After learning about his or her shortcomings, can I still positively appreciate him/her, and be willing to commit to each other's growth with love and pay the price, to be a motivator and companion for him or her?



When two people move towards God, the relationship between each other will be closer! On the contrary, if a man and a woman are only focused on pleasing each other, God cannot be involved. If, after dating, you find that the other person cannot walk with you or agree with God's call to you, actually the purpose of dating has already been met. Do not hesitate to break up just because you are reluctant or are afraid of emotional injury. You can share with a trustworthy senior, and end this dating relationship with peace and blessings.