

Introduction to a Love Affair

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Malachi 2.

II. Godly offspring is on God's heart for the marriage relationship.

A. This is only possible through the spiritual life of the husband and wife.

III. A successful relationship demands work.

IV. Marriage is of divine origin. (Genesis 1-2)

A. Man and women were created very good.

B. Woman was uniquely created as a helper fit for man.

C. With all that God had it was not good for him to be alone.

D. Man and women were made for each other so they leave, cleave and come together.

V. One must walk in the Spirit and be filled with the Spirit at home. (Ephesians 5, 1 John 1:9)

VI. Ingredients for the love relationship. (Ephesians 4:32)

A. Be kind.

B. Be understanding. (James 1:5)

C. Be forgiving.

VII. God gave us two slightly different points of view so we could appreciate more.

Application questions:

1. What was the purpose of marriage? How does Jesus fit into that?

2. What are some ways you can better understand your spouse?

3. Can some of the general differences between men and women help you to work through your own marital differences? Explain?
