

Xenos Christian Fellowship
Christian Leadership 2 - Pastoral Counseling
Week 2 - Introduction to Love Therapy

Introduction

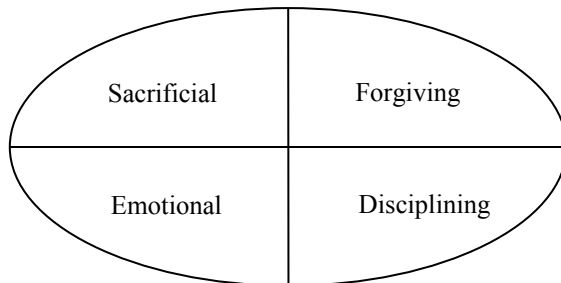
Goals for this evening

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Biblical Love Defined

Biblical/Christian Love defined: A commitment to give of one's self in every area for the good of another.

"Mature love" includes four aspects.



Sacrificial

Definition:

Biblical Basis: Jn. 3:16, Mark 10:45, Jn. 15:13,14

Key Elements of Sacrificial Love

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Forgiving

Definition:

Biblical Basis: Mt.18:29-35, 1 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13

Disciplining

Definition:

Biblical Basis: Mt. 18:11-14; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 5:5-7; 2 Cor. 7:8-12; Gal. 6:1; Col. 1:28; 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:14; 2 Thess. 3:6,14; 1 Tim. 5:1,2; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; 3:16,17; Titus 1:13; Heb. 12:5-12; 3 Jn. 9,10

Discipline in love must be carefully differentiated from any principle of justice or fairness.

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Emotional

Definition:

Biblical Basis: Matt. 9:36, Luke 19:41, Jn. 11:35; Eph. 4:29, Rom. 12:10

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Love Defects--*How We Love*

The Work Substitute

Definition:

Most common love deficiency:

Impact on spiritual development

The Work-For-Love

Definition:

Most common love deficiency:

Impact on spiritual development:

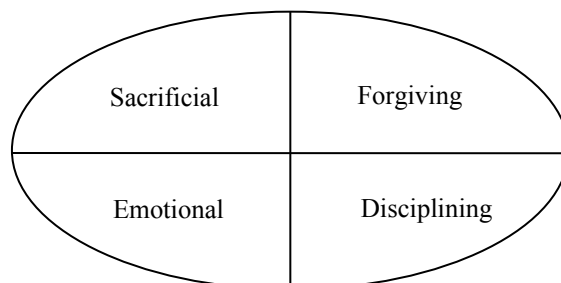
The Infantile

Definition:

Most common love deficiencies:

Impact on spiritual development:

Summary of Love Defects



Love Spheres—*Who We Love*

The Tribal Love Sphere

Definition:

Features of tribalism

- perceives love primarily in terms of "permanent love values"

Impact on spiritual development

The Diffuse Love Sphere

Definition:

Features of diffuseness

- perceives love primarily in terms of "present love feelings"

Impact on spiritual development

It's A "Balancing Act"!

Scriptural mandate for balance: Matthew 5:46; Luke 10:25-37; Matthew 28:19;
Eph. 5:25-29; 1 Cor. 7:20; Heb. 13:1,2; Col. 3:12-16; 4:5,6

Balance can be enhanced by two means:

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Continuums and Practical Strategies

Let's discuss 3 continuums; NOTE: we won't be testing on this.

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Assignment Due Next Week

Study “do tell” and “don't tell” passages (handout-Gossip versus Conferral) and try to harmonize.

Memory Verses

None this week

Key Points to Know for Exam

1. Be able to explain the definition of “biblical love” and know the four key aspects defined in class.
2. Be able to define and explain descriptive elements of the love spheres.
3. Be able to define and explain descriptive elements of the love defects.