



SESSION 1

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“How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.” ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING

The highest and most supreme ethic in the Christian life and in Christian marriage is

_____. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers ... I gain nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3 ESV

_____ – _____ = _____

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

JOHN 15:34-35; 1 JOHN 4:7-12, 19

Your Big Fat Greek Marriage

- _____ = _____
- _____ = _____
- _____ = _____
- _____ = _____

1. I love that you are _____ with me.

Love is patient. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 ESV

- *hypomone* = patient in _____ JAMES 1:2-3
- *makrothymia* = patient toward a _____ EXODUS 34:6; 1 COR. 13:4

Charity suffers long. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 KJV

The fruit of the Spirit is ... patience. GALATIANS 5:22-23

2. I love that you are _____ to me.

Love is ... kind. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 ESV

“Kindness ... glues couples together. Kindness has been found by researchers to be the most important predictor of satisfaction and stability in a marriage.” EMILY ESFAHANI SMITH, “MASTERS OF LOVE,” *THE ATLANTIC*

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
EPHESIANS 4:32 ESV

The fruit of the Spirit is ... kindness. GALATIANS 5:22-23 ESV

Kindness Quiz

On a scale of 1 to 5, how kind or cruel have your words and actions been toward your spouse in the last 24 to 48 hours? (5 = very kind, 4 = somewhat kind, 3 = neither kind nor cruel, 2 = somewhat cruel, 1 = very cruel). Rate yourself, rate your spouse, and then discuss.

RATE YOURSELF 1 2 3 4 5

RATE YOUR SPOUSE 1 2 3 4 5

Discussion Questions

1. In what way(s) does being married to you require your spouse to be patient?
Specifically, how can you express patient love toward your spouse?
2. How can you show your spouse greater kindness?