

Welcome
To the World of
Love, Courtship,
Marriage
& Sex

Text: 2 Corinthians 8:7

1. “But just as you excel in everything, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us, see that you also **EXCEL** in this grace of **GIVING**..”

I^o

◆ *Love*

II^o

◆ *Courtship*

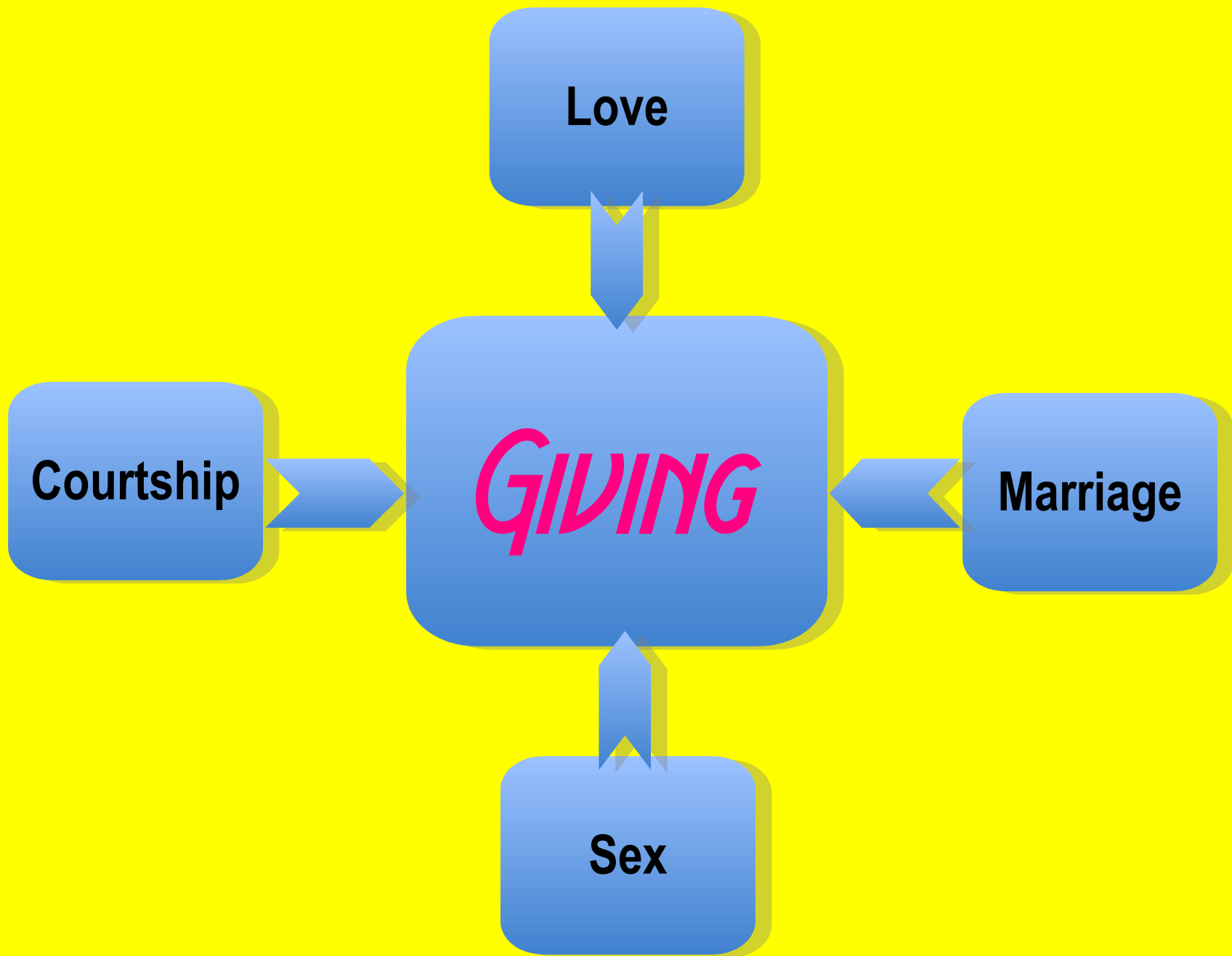
III^o

◆ *Marriage*

IV

◆ *Sex*

These
Four Elements
are Summarized in
one Single Word
(GIVING)



Love

GIVING

Courtship

Marriage

Sex

Love Requires Giving

*Courtship Demands
Giving*

*Giving Dominates
Marriage*

*Sex is an Act of
Giving*

Love

- You can give without Loving, but you cannot Love without Giving (Harold Selah)

Courtship

- You can give without Courting, but you cannot Court without Giving.

Marriage

- You can give without Marrying, but you cannot Marry without Giving.

Sex

- You can give without Sex, but you cannot Have Sex without Giving.

**“If You Want
to Change the Way You
Love, Change the Way
You
GIVE!”**

What Is Love?

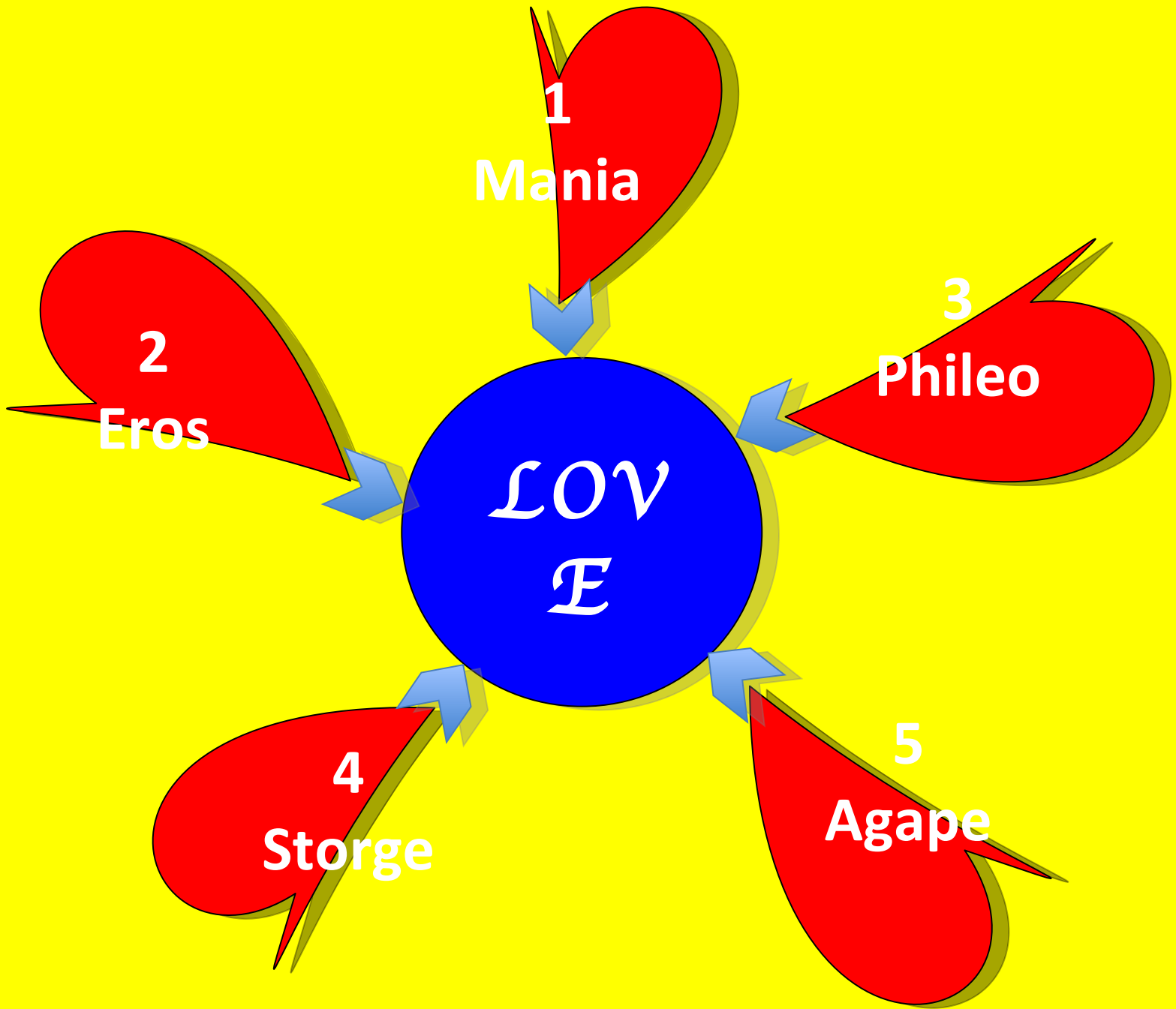
What Some People Say About Love...

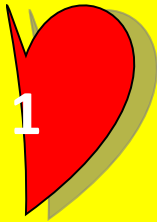
1. Love is an intense feeling that keeps you awake all night, have a dream at daylight, wander in your own place, and keeps you looking at a distance even when nobody is there.
2. In our own dialect sings- *“Malayo ang tingin, wala namang tinatanaw...”*
3. Love is a fall of great feeling to a person of the opposite sex, to possess and be present with all the time.
4. Love is an “unexplainable feeling” of a man and a woman making the wise irrational.

If this is what love is, no wonder many are in trouble.

**To Better Understand What
Love is, Let's
Go Back to the Bible...**

*THERE ARE FIVE
BIBLE WORDS "*
FOR LOVE





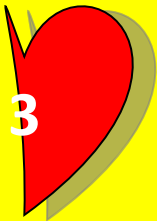
***MANIA LOVE* - Manic Love**

(Acts 26)



***EROS LOVE* - Physical Love**

(Whole Book of Song of Songs)



***PHILEO LOVE* - Brotherly Love**

(Romans 12:10 ESV)

***STORGE LOVE* - Family Love**

(Exodus 20:12)



***AGAPE LOVE* - Godly Love**

(John 3:16)

Song of Solomon 4:16–5:1

2. “Let my lover come into his garden and taste its choice fruits. I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk. Eat, O friends, and drink; drink your fill, O lovers”).

3. But outside of biblical marriage, *eros* becomes distorted and sinful.

***CRITERIA TO WHOM
You
GIVE YOUR LOVE
(COURTSHIP)***

Criteria

- ✓ *Place*
- ✓ *The Person*
- ✓ *Principles*
- ✓ *Performance*
- ✓ *Pray*

Genesis 24:1-4

- Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. [2] He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh.
- [3] I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, [4] but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Remember this:

While physical beauty is important, character is most essential to consider.

Genesis 24 relates that
Rebekah was not only
beautiful in the outside but
has inner beauty filled with
kindness.

1 Peter 3:1-4

“Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, [2] when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

[3] Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. [4] Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.”

Proverbs 31:10

***“A wife of noble character
who can find?
She is worth far more than
rubies.”***

Proverbs 31:30

***Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the
Lord is to be praised.***

Proverbs 31:15

*She gets up while it is still dark;
she provides food for her family and
portions for her servant girls.*

Proverbs 31:26

*She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her
tongue.*

What Constitutes Marriage in God's Eyes?

1. As long as the requirements are reasonable and not against the Bible, a couple should seek whatever formal governmental recognition is available.
2. A couple should follow whatever cultural and familial practices are typically employed to recognize a couple as “officially married.”
3. If possible, a couple should consummate the marriage sexually, fulfilling the physical aspect of the “one flesh” principle.

What if one or more of these principles are not fulfilled? Is such a couple still considered married in God's eyes?

- Ultimately, that is between the couple and God. God knows our hearts ([1 John 3:20](#)). God knows the difference between a true marriage covenant and an attempt to justify sexual immorality.

Principles for Marriage

1. Converse romantically so your relationship won't become stale
2. View your spouse as the "best of the best" so they never want someone else
3. Continue to put best foot forward, think the best of spouse, never lose interest in one another
5. Make your spouse feel secure and satisfied so they will never worry about where they stand in the marriage

1. Work through your problems, don't walk away from them (5:2-8:14)
2. Seek romance, not sex, as the primary energy to fuel your relationship (4:1-5:1)
3. Men – consider your marriage/spouse as a garden which must be tended
4. Hebrews 13:4 – Marriage is held in high honor
5. There is no other God ordained outlet for sexual intimacy (I Corinthians 7:2-4)

1 Corinthians 7:5

2The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

3Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- This passage speak of about courtship in Marriage. Marriage couple must be fulfill his or her marital duty to one another.
- “A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person”