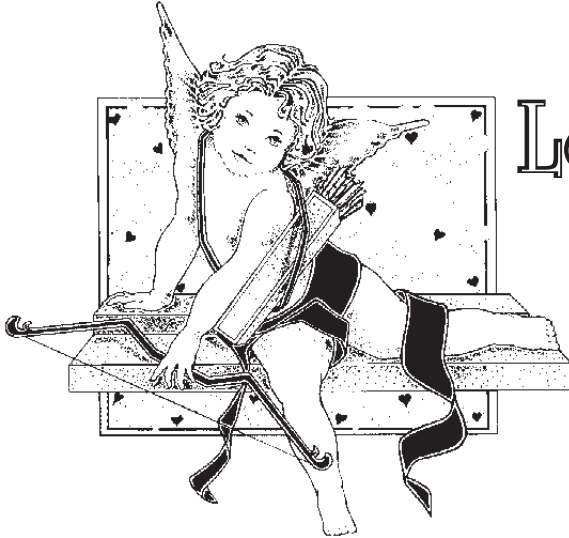


“And this I pray, that your love may abound yet
more and more.”

—The Apostle Paul, *The Bible*, *Philippians 1:9a*



Looking for Love?

I once knew a woman who was always seeking a new lover but never finding one who satisfied or lasted because she was always seeking to get love, to receive love, to be loved. When I suggested to her that, after years of searching, perhaps she needed to learn to *give* love and to love unselfishly for the benefit of another, this struck her as an entirely new thought. It had never even occurred to her before! She went out and soon found what she had been looking for all the time—by finding someone who she could make happy by giving him her love.

That’s the secret: Look for someone to make happy, and then happiness will find you! “Give and it will be given to you” (Luke 6:38). “Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7). Those are God’s laws of the spirit and are just as definite as the laws of physics, such as gravity.

God’s laws of the spirit never fail. They *always* work, either for you or against you according to whether or not you follow them. And the first law is the law of love—unselfish love for Him and others. If you will obey that law and give the love that is His and others’ due, you will also receive love, “for with what measure that you use, it will be measured back to you” (Luke 6:38).

—David Brandt Berg



Romance is about the little things. It’s much more about the small gestures—the little ways of making daily life with your lover a bit more special—than it is about extravagant, expensive gestures.

—Gregory J. P. Codek

We should measure affection, not like youngsters by the ardor of its passion, but by its strength and constancy.

—Marcus Tullius Cicero, *Roman statesman, orator, writer (106–43 B.C.)*

We are told that people stay in love because of chemistry, or because they remain intrigued with each other, because of many kindnesses, because of luck. But part of it has got to be forgiveness and gratefulness. The understanding that although you are no bargain, you love and you are loved. Anyway.

—Ellen Goodman



Sweet Married Love

A braid appears to contain only two strands of hair. But herein lies the mystery: What looks like two strands requires a third. The third strand, though not immediately evident, keeps the strand tightly woven. In a Christian marriage, God’s presence, like the third strand in a braid, holds husband and wife together.

—Cathern Paxton

From Jesus:

When you look deep into the eyes of the one you love, you must see Me and My love for you, and this should cause you to praise Me and to thank Me.

You should worship Me in this love that I have given you. And when you become one with one another you should say, “Thank You. Thank You for this, Your love to me.”