

LEARN ABOUT  
MARRIAGE & SEX

*The gifts of marriage!*

# **Oprah - May 23, 2005 – Video**

**Baby girl – April 18, 2006**

**Married – November 18, 2006**

**Rumors of separation began  
in the spring of 2007**

# **THE GIFT OF SEEING YOUR TRUE SELF**

## **MARRIAGE PRINCIPLE:**

*No matter how compatible two  
people are if they are truly  
honest with each other, they  
will have conflict.*

# **THE GIFT OF SEEING YOUR TRUE SELF**

**Jesus said, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?”**

**(Matthew 7:3-4-NIV)**

**How is your marriage?**

**How are you treating your wife?**

**How are you doing as a parent?**

**How is he treating you?**

**How is he doing as a parent?**

**How is your marriage?**

**How is my attitude?**

**Is there any part of this situation  
that I have caused?**

**How could I have acted or  
spoken differently that may  
have changed the outcome of  
this conflict?**

**EGO:**  
**Edging**  
**God**  
**Out!**

**James had to have marriage in mind when he said, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete...”**

**(James 1:2-4-NIV)**

**What is it that you see in me  
that is not godly?**

**Ephesians 4:15, “We will speak  
the truth in love, growing in  
every way more and more like  
Christ...” (NLT)**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**Matthew 19:3, “Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?’” (NIV)**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**Matthew 19:4-6, “Haven’t you read,’  
He replied, ‘that at the beginning the  
Creator “made them male and  
female,” and said, “For this reason a  
man will leave his father and mother  
and be united to his wife, and the  
two will become one flesh”?”**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**So they are no longer two,  
but one. Therefore what  
God has joined together, let  
man not separate.” (NIV)**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**Matthew 19:7-8, “‘Why then,’ they asked, ‘did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?’ Jesus replied, ‘Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.’” (NIV)**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**Dating through Year 1**

**Year 2-7**

**Year 8-14**

# **THE GIFT OF COMMITMENT**

**Matthew 5:37, “Simply let your  
‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’, and your ‘No’,  
‘No’; anything beyond this  
comes from the evil one.” (NIV)**

## Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

**“AGAPE – Contrary to popular understanding, the significance of agape is not that it is an unconditional love, but that it is primarily a love of the will rather than the emotions. The New Testament never speaks of God loving unbelieving human beings with emotional love or a love which expects something in return.**

## **Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary**

**But He loves with His will – with agape (seen in John 3:16; Romans 5:8). The reason for this is that God can find nothing enjoyable about a sinner... So He loves by His will; it is His nature to love.”**

**1 John 4:19, “We love because  
He first loved us.” (NIV)**

**What behavior demonstrates to you and our children that I am committed to this family?**

**What do you see me most committed to?**

# **THE GIFT OF SHOWING THE WORLD GOD'S LOVE**

**John 13:34-35, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (NIV)**

# **THE GIFT OF SHOWING THE WORLD GOD'S LOVE**

**Matthew 5:16, “Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (NIV)**

**When people watch how  
you treat you mate, what  
do they see?**

**Do they see something  
they don't have?**

# **Gifts of Marriage. . .**

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