

Series: A THRIVING HOME

Title: A THRIVING MARRIAGE

Text: (Eph 5:21-31)

“The Love Bank”-Explain the deposits & Withdrawals.

“Love Busters” -

- (1) Angry outbursts, (2) Disrespectful judgments,
- (3) Annoying behavior, (4) Selfish demands, (5) Dishonesty.

This is the classic text on love in a marriage: (Eph 5:21-33)

I. WE SEE A COMMANDED LOVE! (Eph 5:25)

God is commanding that your Love Bank be in the positive, not in the negative balance.

A. THE NATURE OF THIS LOVE.

1. Romantic Love as what we experience when someone meets our needs.

2. Caring Love effort to meet someone else's needs.

II. WE SEE A COMPARED LOVE! (Eph 5:25)

Love in marriage compared to love of Christ for the Church.

A. It was a STATED LOVE.

B. It was a SHOWN LOVE: (Eph 5:25) *Gave Himself*

III. WE SEE A CONTRIBUTIVE LOVE: (Eph 5:28-29)

A. A Healthy Marriage: “*nourisheth*” feeds, builds

B. A Happy Marriage: “*cherisheth*” esteems above all.