

Morning Lesson

PRACTICING LOVE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE FAMILY

Rom. 8:14-21, 29

INTRO:

1. I must become a better person first and then a better spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, etc. second. **Rom. 12:2**
2. In order to do this, there are four things everyone needs.
 - a. Total unconditional acceptance.
 - b. To feel important.
 - c. To forgive and be forgiven.
 - d. To have love expressed to them.

I. TOTAL UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE.

II. TO FEEL IMPORTANT.

III. TO FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN.

A. "God of a second chance." **2 Pet 3:9**

B. Anything can be forgiven. **Ezek. 33:14-16**

C. Preacher's wife dying of cancer. **John 3:16;**
John 10:27-29; Mark 16:16; 1 John 1:9

D. Parents need to forgive children.

1. Parents of young children will be offered much opportunity to grow.
2. Sometimes we view our role as a referee.
3. W. Lingstrom Lernerd – "A Father Forgets"
4. Are you too critical as a parent? Forgive your own father.

E. Children need to forgive parents.

1. Peace for us begins with making peace with our parents.
2. The past doesn't have to control us.
3. "Life is getting on; ... get on with it?"

F. Mates need to forgive mates.

1. Forgiveness costs – eat crow, give up pride. But wait until you see the bill for not forgiving.
Matt.6:14, 15

2. We must get out of the revenge business.

G. Remember, most can't say "I love you." Many won't appear loveable. We must listen real close and look real hard.