

The Way of Love

Remember that while love involves a self-surrender and therefore seems the way of sacrifice, it is really the easy way.

While love takes on itself impossible tasks, yet it finds that love lightens all loads. It is the same burden that wings are to a bird, that sails are to a ship. Nothing is hard if done for love's sweet sake. The yoke of love is easy; the yoke of duty is hard. There is all the difference in the world between being drawn by love and being driven by duty. The task may be the same, but love makes everything light, and duty makes everything drudgery. They are two different worlds.

The way of love is therefore the easy way. The way of loveless duty is the hard way. And harder still is the way of loveless living. Everything without love is drudgery. There is fun and freedom in loving, and the more widely and deeply you love, the more fun and the greater freedom you have.

To grow in love is to grow in life. You begin to be alive to your fingertips. And your fingertips begin to be healing. You heal everything you touch, and you touch

– E. Stanley Jones



RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

Marriage is one life's most rewarding relationships.

It is a challenge to build a strong, God-honoring relationship. Whether you are 18 or 80, dating, engaged, or married, there is a stimulating book, class or seminar for the two of you.

Love and Respect We believe love best motivates a woman and respect most powerfully motivates a man. Come, find out why, it's **FREE**, and with child care. Starting Sat, Feb 1 at Clackamas Valley Baptist Church, Estacada. ClackamasValleyBaptistChurch.org

Making Marriage Work Encounter Join other married couples for a tune up on your marriage, grow in communication, and more! This material is based upon statistics and provides fresh insights for any married couple to grow deeper in intimacy and communication. Sunnyside Foursquare Church, Feb 7-8. Sunnyside4.org/Opportunities

Comedy Date Night Laugh and enjoy the live comedy of Steve Brunner and Tyler Boeh. You're promised clean, wholesome fun sponsored by Every Marriage Matters on February 21st at GracePointe Church, Milwaukie. Tickets at www.MarriageWell.org.

Weekend to Remember A time to renew your love and commitment to one another and to restore a little romance in your relationship. It is a weekend to discover the blueprints for a healthy, happy marriage. Mar 6-8 at Sunriver Save \$100 when you register using the group "MarriagePDX". Details at WeekendToRemember.com.

Marriage Coach Training MarriageTeam offers 24 hours of free marriage coach training for Christian couples who want to become volunteer marriage coaches. Training starts March 14 for two consecutive weekends. At US Digital Outreach Center, Vancouver. Details at MarriageTeam.org or call (360) 450-6042.

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