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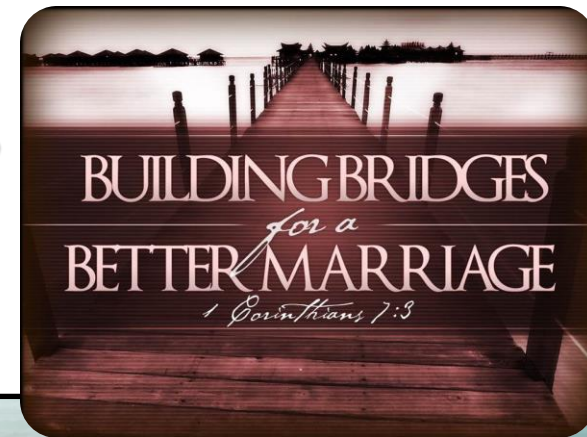
LUKE 10:30-35 (p 1196)

- The principles of each player is an application to our relationship in marriage
 - What is thine is mine, I will take it (*THIEVES*)
 - What is mine is mine, I will keep it (*PRIEST/LEVITE*)
 - What is mine is thine, I will share it (*SAMARITAN*)

Which one am I?

Which one does God want me to be?

Philippians 2:1-11 (p 1349)



THE JACOB BRIDGE

GENESIS 29:20 (p 32)

- The attitude of the heart

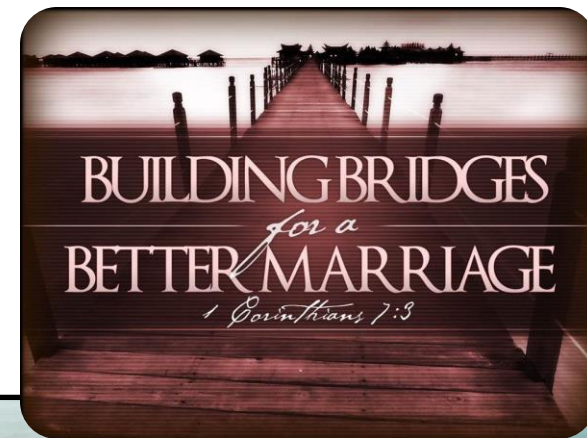
So Jacob served seven years for Rachel and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. (NASB)

“Successful marriages are not characterized by the absence of problems but the ability to solve those problems.”

Proverbs 5:15-20 (p 730)

Proverbs 18:22 (p 746)

Ephesians 5:22-33 (p 1346)



THE CORINTHIAN BRIDGE

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (p 1321)

- The meaning of true love

Suffers long and is kind – forbearing; noncritical

Does not envy – never a competitive spirit

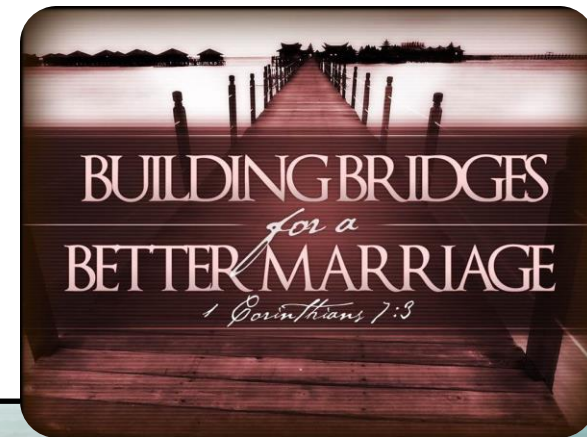
Does not parade itself – pride shall not rule the heart

Is not puffed up – no superiority

Does not behave rudely – temper

Does not seek its own – not ME ME

Is not provoked – not be grouchy



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I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (p 1321)

- The meaning of true love

Thinks no evil – no self-pity; brood over slights

Does not rejoice in iniquity – never happy at failings

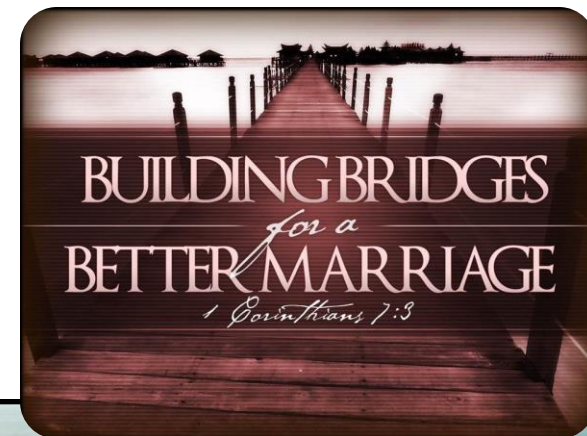
Rejoices in truth – seek the good in all things

Bear all things – no resentment or bitterness

Believes all things – best light

Hopes all things – share hope

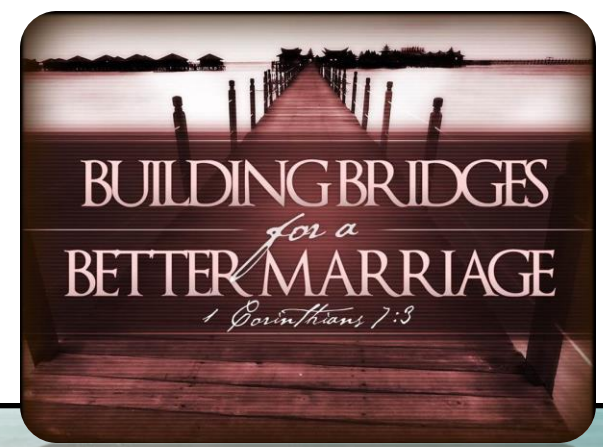
Endures all things – never give up



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I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a (1321)

- The meaning of love
 - Thinks no evil – *good over slights*
 - Does not boast – *never happy at failings*
 - Rejoices in the truth – *in all things*
 - Bears all things – *gentle or bitterness*
 - Believes all things – *best light*
 - Hopes all things – *share hope*
 - Endures all things – *never give up*



THE CHRISTIAN BRIDGE

COLOSSIANS 3 (p 1354)

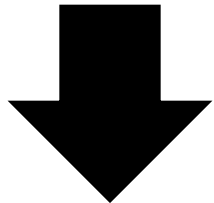
- **Building a home on the teachings of God**

It is important to remember that all the admonitions for change in a person when he becomes a child of God apply to marriage

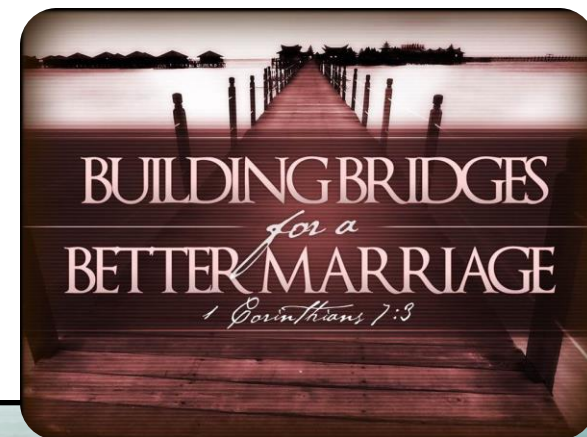
If you are raised with Christ, seek things above (vv1-4)

Put to death (vv5-11)

As the elect of God (vv12-17)



Family (vv18-21)



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**UNLESS THE LORD BUILDS THE HOUSE, THEY LABOR
IN VAIN WHO BUILD IT; UNLESS THE LORD GUARDS
THE CITY, THE WATCHMAN KEEPS AWAKE IN VAIN.**

(PSALM 127:1)