



## *Eagle Vision Partner Letter*

# *His and Her Perspective on Love*

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Dear Partner,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We hope this letter finds you operating in the love of God. During the month of February, it seemed good to the Holy Spirit to give you both His and Her Perspectives on Love. According to **John 3:16** God loved the world so much that He gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

### *His Perspective*

The best example that we have of love is the example of Jesus. Jesus is great at making everyone He comes in contact with experience love. Love is an action word. It must be demonstrated not only in the church, but also in our homes. My perspective on love is that the marriage union should be a reflection of the covenant relationship that we have with Jesus.

As a husband, I have an awesome responsibility to love my wife. You see, she was God's daughter before she ever became my wife. This means that I am to love her and treat her like Jesus loves and treats the church. **Ephesians 5:25** Says that husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it. Our wives are to be nourished and cherished. As men we must be willing to sow the kind of love that we desire to receive. Once you sow it, you must trust God for the harvest. For some reason, after the honeymoon, we have a tendency to take each other for granted, but we cannot afford to do this. When we first get married, we tell our mates that we love them all the time. After a while together, we assume that they know it. Well no one can truly afford to neglect this vital area because the truth is no one should ever love or treat us better than our mates. And love constantly requires action on both sides in order to have a successful relationship.

### *Her Perspective*

As Pastor Harold said, our best example of love is Jesus! This was a man who lived His life for others. There was no selfishness in Him. He was tempted to be selfish, but He made a "decision"—a choice not to be! If we keep our main focus on pleasing our spouse more than making sure we get pleased, we would be a lot happier in our marriages. When I look back and realize that Harold and I will celebrate our 10 year wedding anniversary this August, I think about the time that we wasted in strife that we will never get that back. We can't allow the devil to steal our lives slowly—one day at a time. The days become weeks, weeks become months, and the

months become years! I can honestly say that my marriage is stronger and happier than it has ever been.

Most marriage arguments (and infidelity) come from one person thinking that they are not getting what they need, desire or want. Make a decision---if you're going to be and stay married, make a choice to be happy. Find out what one thing that person needs most from you and do it (as long as it lines up with the Word of God). I know you may think---but I don't "feel" like it! I know what you feel and so does Jesus. Do you think Jesus "felt" like being beaten, mocked and nailed to a cross?! No, He made a choice and said Father, not my will, by thou will be done. This statements lets us know that He didn't feel like going through. My perspective on love is to remove all selfishness---focus on making the other person happy and in turn, God will allow you to reap the love that you have sown.

For those who are not married (and you desire to be), do not allow the devil to steal any time from your life and allow you to become depressed. Enjoy every moment that you have with yourself and Jesus.

We Love You,

Harold & Deirdre Council

### *Helpful Tips*

- (1) There is no better time to enjoy your life (and marriage) than today.*
- (2) Learn to make the best of what is right in front of you!*
- (3) Be sure to enjoy your mates and do not waste time just putting up with each other.*

### Ministry Update

- We are pleased to announce that Eagles' Christian Center International is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c) 3 Tax Exempt Organization! We praise God for this awesome accomplishment of another one of our goals!!
- As a church family we are planning to go see the movie The Passion of The Christ during the weekend that it is released. We encourage you to please attend this film during the weekend that it is released. We are excited about this film and we truly believe that this will be a tremendous opportunity to bring in God's harvest. Prepare yourself and pray for other laborers to be prepared around the world so that we can be ready to bring this multitude of people in! We encourage you to re-study the account of the crucifixion and be prepared to let people know where they can find and study this account for themselves so that they can read the Truth of God's Word (Act 17:11). Pray that this film will cause more people around this nation to open their Bible and read and get understanding of the Truth and begin to live their lives for Jesus the Christ.
- Pastors Harold & Deirdre spoke and were the MCs for the Mt. Vernon's Couple's Banquet held at the Durham Hilton. A young lady received Jesus at the end of the banquet. Praise God!