

LESSON SIX: LOVE DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN

- ✧ LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN AN EMOTION
- ✧ LOVE ACTS/DOES NOT ACT IN A CERTAIN WAY
- ✧ LOVE IS LEARNED
- ✧ LOVE IS HARD, NEVER ENDING WORK

(Answer the following on the back or on a separate sheet of paper to allow yourself space to comment fully)

1. What does it mean to "seek its own"? How does the world look at living life this way?
2. Whose interest did Jesus seek as He went about His work? Jn 4:34; Mk 3:20-21
3. Whose interest did Jesus seek in His death? Mk 14:36; Jn 10:11-15
4. Notice Jesus' statements on the cross which show that even then His focus was not on self. Who did his first three statements show concern for? Lk 23:34, 43; Jn 19:26-27 When did He say anything about His own spiritual and physical agony? Mt 27:45-46; Jn 19:28-30
5. What are those who are to be disciples of Jesus called on to do? Contrary to popular opinion, what is the pathway to joy? Lk 9:22-25; Phil 2:3-8, 17-22; Heb 12:2; Acts 20:35
6. How are husbands to love their wives? Eph 5:25
7. How are wives to love their husbands? Prov 31:10-11; 27-31
8. Who should husbands and wives seek to please? 1 Cor 7:33-34
9. Give some practical applications of love "not seeking its own" in the marriage relationship.
10. Concentrate on pleasing your spouse instead of yourself this week. Note the affect on your personal happiness and upon your happiness as a couple. Now, continue to apply yourself to this over a month, a year, a lifetime and see what happens.

"No man is a Christian who lives for himself alone; or who makes it his main business to promote his own happiness and salvation. No man is a Christian who does not deny himself; or no one who is not willing to sacrifice his own comfort, time, wealth, and ease, to advance the welfare of mankind."

-- Albert Barnes