

## LESSON SEVEN: LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED

- ✧ 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. In the context of the Scriptures, what does "love is not provoked" ("easily provoked- KJV) mean? Does being angry show a lack of love? Is it a sin to be angry?
2. Was Jesus ever provoked? What provoked Him? What did He do? Jn 2:13-17; Mk 3:1-5, 8:11-13
3. How was Jesus different than James and John ("the sons of thunder", Mk 3:17)? Lk 9:51-56
4. Despite all the Jews and Romans did to provoke Jesus as they sent Him to the cross, how did He respond to their ill treatment? Isa 53:7; Mt 26:59-63a, 27:12-14, 27-31; 1 Pet 2:23
5. What words of wisdom do the Scriptures give us concerning our temper which will help us to control it with our spouse (and others) as Jesus has set the example for us to do?
  - a. Eccl 7:9; Prov 14:17,29-
  - b. Jonah 4:4,9; Prov 17:14-
  - c. Rom 12:18-
  - d. Jas 3:17-18-
  - e. Prov 15:1,18-
  - f. Eph 4:26-27; Prov 30:33-
6. How will applying three other descriptions of love to your life- *being patient and not being arrogant and self-centered*- keep you from being "provoked" by your spouse (and others)?
7. What are some things which commonly cause anger (with resulting strife and contention) in marriage and how should these be handled by disciples of Jesus who truly "love" one another?

"Angry words! O let them never From the tongue unbridled slip;  
May the hearts best impulse ever, Check them ere they soil the lip.

'Love one another', thus saith the Savior  
Children, obey the Father's blest command.