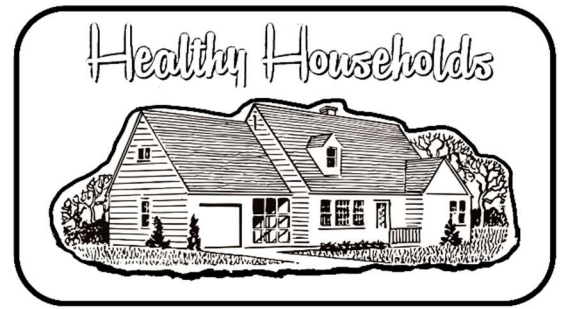


ANCHORED TO COVENANT-FAITHFUL LOVE

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Ten Biblical Planks for Building an **UN**shakable Household

- THE _____ –The truth about God’s love is what corresponds to reality.
- THE _____ – Our beliefs about God’s love that can be tightly or loosely tied to the reality, or even completely cut loose.
- THE _____ – Our actions that will be based on our beliefs about God’s love, whether intentionally or unconsciously.

SNEAKERS OF A _____
1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Ephesians 5:2

- ROPE OF B** _____
- Ephesians 3:14-19, not the weak definition of the world (see Luke 6:32-33) but the strength of God’s character (see Exodus 34:6ff)
 - HESED-AGAPE Love = unselfish and sacrificial, with no condition of expecting the same in return; it is faithful to its promises

- ROCK OF T** _____
- God is love and He has made that love manifest (1 John 4:7-10), and shown us His love (Romans 5:6-8)
 - God is always good, always loving (cf. “The Moon is Always Round”)
 - If our beliefs are anchored with a short and taut rope to this rock of truth, we can speak Romans 8:31-39 from our innermost core.

SNEAKERS OF A _____ (Review)
1 Corinthians 16:13-14; Romans 12:9-13; Ephesians 5:25, 1 Peter 4:7-8

- FIRST ACTION STEPS** (of belief)
- We must replace the worldly notions of love, based on only _____, with the godly HESED-AGAPE love based on sacrifice, giving, and a commitment of the _____.
 - Understand that without being saturated with prayer and immersed under the Word, we will never tie our beliefs closely and tautly to the truth of God’s love.
 - If we are not secure in God’s love, we likely will love with a false love that _____ rather than gives.
 - If we are not secure in God’s love, we likely will _____ little for His glory.
 - When we are not anchored to God’s covenant-faithful love, our feelings of “love” will likely at some point _____ any covenant-like commitments we have made (or implied).

- FIRST ACTION STEPS** (of practice):
- As members of our immediate household and the household of God, our aim must be to help others be _____, even as we are secure in God’s love through Christ.
 - When we make people guess our motives long enough . . . they will likely guess the worst. Tell them!
 - We must not confuse telling our loved ones why we _____ them, as compared to why we LOVE them.
 - Let us pray: “Lord, help me be secure in Your love, so that I can help the people in my immediate protectorate be secure in my love.”