

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Part 4 of Series: Marriage Masterpiece

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Life Group Questions:

1. What are your hopes/dreams/desires?
2. Are those hopes/dreams/desires from your heart or from God's?
3. Do your desires include others, or enslave others?

We all have a box of hopes, dreams, and desires.

What determines what's in our box?

- **What we've seen and heard**
- **What we've experienced**

"Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ - the Message - have run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives."

Colossians 3:15, 16 (MSG)

Expectations – a strong desire or a strong belief that something will happen.

When I's Collide

- **We Leave**
- **We Win**
- **We Conform**
- **We Compromise**

Expectations create a debt/debtor relationship.

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."

Romans 13:8 (NIV)

What does the other person owe you?

Expectations remove the margin necessary for love to be recognized and appreciated.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

1 John 3:16 (NIV)

Questions for you:

- **What’s in your box?**
- **Are you expecting someone to carry your box around for you?**