

“Codependency”

What do most people do on a date?

Mike age 10

“on the first date they just tell each other lies... and that’s usually get them interested enough to go for a second date.”

What’s the proper age to get married?

Tom age 5

“Well, once I finish kindergarten, I’m going to find me a wife.”

Judy age 8

“84, because at that age you don’t have to work anymore, and you can spend all your time loving each other in your bedroom.”

Why does love actually happen?

Jan age 9

“No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That’s why perfume and deodorant are so popular.”

Theory: **Good relationships** are possible, but they are not probable.

Romans 12:2 NLT

Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

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I need to be **needed**. Codependency is disease of **perception**.

Bound in relationships by **performance** (what I do) rather than core value and worth (who I am).

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Something is **wrong** with me but, I'm going to **prove** to myself and other people that I'm okay.

“Yes.” That's me trying to say **“NO.”**

The inability to say, **“NO.”**

Doing for other what they should be doing for themselves. (self-appointed primary care giver of the other person)

Tolerating mistreatment or abuse from other people, while justifying their behavior and even trying to defend them.

First, Seek the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6:33 NLT

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Love is both the problem and the **cure**.

God is **LOVE**.

1 John 4:8 NLT

....anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

No one else can **complete you**.

Ephesians 3:19 NLT

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

In marriage, we take two mistake prone, sinful, fallible people and try to produce one bliss filled problem free relationship. It's not that we can't live happily-ever-after but that living happily-ever-after requires lots of work on the part of each of the mistake prone, sinful, fallible people in the marriage to make it happen.

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Unfailing Love

Psalm 32:10 NLT

..... **unfailing love** surrounds those who trust the LORD.

Psalm 33:5 NLT

He loves whatever is just and good; the **unfailing love** of the LORD fills the earth.

Psalm 130:7 NLT

...hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is **unfailing love**. His redemption overflows.

God **loves** us!

1 John 3:1 NLT

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!

Ephesians 3:17-19 NLT

Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, **how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is**. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

God **cares** about you!

1 Peter 5:7 NLT

Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

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