

# Igniting Our Love

## 4 Keys to Staying in Love

### 1. Families must choose Love.

#### Popular misconceptions:

- Love is just a “feeling”
- Love is “uncontrollable”

And over all these virtues put on love... Colossians 3:14 NIV

### 2. Families must practice Love.

Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions. 1 John 3:18 NLT

#### We show our love by being...

- Patient

Love is patient... 1 Corinthians 13:4

Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:2 LB

- Kind

...love is kind... 1 Corinthians 13:4

be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32 LB

- Humble

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Corinthians 13:4

- **Selfless**

It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:5

- **Unwavering**

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13:7

### **3. Families must have an “all-weather” Love.**

#### **Prepare for the Seasons and Storms of change.**

She has no fear of winter for her household because all of them have warm clothes.

Proverbs 31:21 NLT

Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the desert and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead.

Job 1:19 NLT

### **4. Families must practice AGAPE Love.**

I know that you sincerely trust the Lord, for you have the faith of your mother, Eunice, and your grandmother, Lois.

2 Timothy 1:5 NLT

But if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve.... But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15 NLT

Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people, take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers. Rather, he delights in the teachings of the LORD and reflects on his teaching's day and night. He is like a tree planted beside streams--a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither. He succeeds in everything he does.

Psalms 1:1-3 GWT