



FAMILY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

≡ AFTER THE THRILL IS GONE ≡

➤ 6 STAGES OF DETERIORATION IN A RELATIONSHIP



➤ 5 STEPS TO RESTORE A DETERIORATING RELATIONSHIP

But this is what I have against you: you do not love me now as you did at first.⁵ Think how far you have fallen! Turn from your sins and do what you did at first. If you don't turn from your sins, I will come to you and take your lampstand. Revelation 2:4-5

STEP 1: _____ – ...you do not love me now as you did at first.

- Realize that my love is _____.
- Realize the _____ of love that God is looking for.

Agape love is not an _____, it is a _____.

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STEP 2: _____ – *Think how far you have fallen!*

Along Babylon's rivers we sat on the banks; we cried and cried, remembering the good old days in Zion. Psalm 137:1 (MP)

STEP 3: _____ – Turn from your sins...

No! I can guarantee that they weren't. But if you don't turn to God and change the way you think and act, then you, too, will all die. Luke 13:3 (GW)

STEP 4: _____ – ...and do what you did at first.

What you probably “*did at first*” that you need to do now.

- You need to be _____.

Live together in love, as though you had only one mind and one spirit between you. ⁴ Look to each other's interests, not merely your own.

Philippians 2:2, 4 (Ph.)

*In the same way you husbands must live with your wives with the proper understanding **1 Peter 3:7** (GNB)*

- You need to be _____.

*So encourage each other and build each other up... **1 Thessalonians 5:11** (NLT)*

*...outdo one another in giving honor. **Romans 12:10** (TLB)*

- You need to be _____.

*Husbands... be affectionate! **Ephesians 5:19** (Amp)*

*Abimelech...looked out of his window one day and saw Isaac affectionately touching and caressing his wife Rebekah. **Genesis 26:8** (VOICE)*

Let (your mate's) affection fill you at all times with delight...

Proverbs. 5:19b (RSV)

- You need to be _____.

*Enjoy life with your wife whom you love. **Ecclesiastes 9:9** (NIV)*

.God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

STEP 5: _____ – ...or I will come and take your lampstand.

*Let the person who is able to hear, listen to and follow what the Spirit proclaims to all the churches... **Revelation 2:7a** (VOICE)*

*If we are living in the light of God's presence...then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other . . . **1 John 1:7** (TLB)*