

Gary Chapman

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People tend to criticize their spouse most loudly in the area where they themselves have the deepest emotional need.

~Gary Chapman

Love is a choice you make everyday.

~Gary Chapman

Love doesn't erase the past, but it makes the future different.

~Gary Chapman

Love is something you do for someone else, not something you do for yourself.

~Gary Chapman

Forgiveness is not a feeling; it is a commitment. It is a choice to show mercy, not to hold the offense up against the offender. Forgiveness is an expression of love.

~Gary Chapman

Remember that your ultimate goal is for your children to grow up secure in your love, strong in their faith, and with sound character.

~Gary Chapman

We cannot erase the past, but we can accept it as history.

~Gary Chapman

Love doesn't keep a score of wrongs. Love doesn't bring up past failures. (1 Cor 13:5)

~Gary Chapman

Don't be a victim of the urgent. In the long run, much of what seems so pressing right now won't even matter. What you do with your children will matter forever.

~Gary Chapman

True love cannot begin until the "in love" experience has run it's course.

~Gary Chapman

If we are to develop an intimate relationship, we need to know each other's desires. If we wish to love each other, we need to know what the other person wants.

~Gary Chapman

Lack of love from parents often motivates their children to go searching for love in other relationships. This search is often misguided and leads to further disappointment.

~Gary Chapman

Most of us have more potential than we will ever develop. What holds us back is often a lack of courage.

~Gary Chapman

Life's deepest meaning is not found in accomplishments , but in relationships

~Gary Chapman

I am amazed by how many individuals mess up every new day with yesterday. They insist on bringing into today the failures of yesterday and in so doing, they pollute a potentially wonderful day.

~Gary Chapman

Conflicts are not a sign you've married the wrong person. They simply affirm you are human.

~Gary Chapman

Love makes requests, not demands.

~Gary Chapman

Isolation is devastating to the human psyche.

~Gary Chapman

The object of love is not getting something you want but doing something for the well-being of the one you love.

~Gary Chapman

Empathetic listening is an awesome medication for the hurting heart.

~Gary Chapman

What we dislike in others is often a weakness in our own lives.

~Gary Chapman

All of us blossom when we feel loved and wither when we do not feel loved.

~Gary Chapman

In marriage it is never having my own way. It is rather discovering our way.

~Gary Chapman

Love is always freely given. Love cannot be demanded. We can request things of each other, but we must never demand anything. Requests give direction to love, but demands stop the flow of love.

~Gary Chapman

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~Gary Chapman

Something in our nature cries out to be loved by another. Isolation is devastating to the human psyche. That is why solitary confinement is considered the cruelest of punishments.

~Gary Chapman

We fail to reckon with the reality of human nature. By nature, we are egocentric. Our world revolves around us. None of us is totally altruistic.

~Gary Chapman

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We are trained to analyze problems and create solutions. We forget that marriage is a relationship, not a project to be completed or a problem to solve.

~Gary Chapman

What we do for each other before marriage is no indication of what we will do after marriage.

~Gary Chapman

I have been doing marriage counseling for about 15 years and I realized that what makes one person feel loved, doesn't make another person feel loved.

~Gary Chapman

Love is reaching out to try to get to the other person.

~Gary Chapman

Love is the most powerful weapon in the world for good. I really believe that.

~Gary Chapman

God has the potential of touching people's hearts and changing them.

~Gary Chapman

Another reality about relationships is that they are never static. All of us experience changes in relationships but a few stop to analyse why a

relationship gets better or worse.

~Gary Chapman

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~Gary Chapman

I cannot change others, but I can influence others... we can't change people, but we can and we do influence people, and we do it every single day.

~Gary Chapman

Nobody has the power to make you miserable . . . unless you choose to give them that power. Choose to enjoy every drop of today!

~Gary Chapman

Many couples have never learned the tremendous power of verbally affirming each other.

~Gary Chapman

Recent research has indicated that the average individual listens for only seventeen seconds before interrupting and interjecting his own ideas.

~Gary Chapman

By nature, most people are controlled by their emotions. They feel sad, so they look sad.

~Gary Chapman

The person who is "in-love" has the illusion that his beloved is perfect.

~Gary Chapman

You cannot force someone to accept an expression of love. You can only offer it. If it is not accepted, you must respect the other person's decision.

~Gary Chapman

When I admit my own imperfections, it doesn't mean I am a bad person.

~Gary Chapman

Every single day in a marriage, we influence each other. It is a matter of am I going to have a positive influence or a negative influence?

~Gary Chapman

I think that in today's world, by nature, we are all self-centered. And that often leads to selfishness.

~Gary Chapman

Much of the misbehavior of children is motivated by the cravings of an empty LOVE TANK.

~Gary Chapman

I think people desperately want to feel love.

~Gary Chapman

If you grew up in a dysfunctional family, then there is really no hope for you to have a good relationship. That is another myth that we have to throw off, so that we can get into what I call Reality.

~Gary Chapman

I am not minimizing emotions. Emotions are an important part of life.

~Gary Chapman

The one who chooses to love will find appropriate ways to express that decision everyday.

~Gary Chapman

Sex is the joining of two bodies; love is the joining of two souls.

~Gary Chapman

The getting out part [of advise] may well be true. Because if you have tried the tender love thing... typically the abuser is not going to change until they are pushed in a corner.

~Gary Chapman

At the heart of mankind's existence is the desire to be intimate and to be loved by another. Marriage is designed to meet that need for intimacy and love.

~Gary Chapman

A child may be "spoiled" by a lack of training or by inappropriate love that gives or trains incorrectly.

~Gary Chapman

The pattern often has been entrenched since childhood... [abusive people] don't think that there is anything wrong with them because that is the way they were brought up in their family.

~Gary Chapman

The in-love experience does not focus on our own growth or on the growth and development of the other person. Rather, it gives us the sense that we have arrived and that we do not need further growth.

~Gary Chapman

This is a huge thing if you are going to have a positive impact on your spouse. You have to not only realize this, but you have to practice this.

~Gary Chapman

We cannot rely on our native tongue if our spouse does not understand it. If we want them to feel the love we are trying to communicate, we must express it in his or her primary love language.

~Gary Chapman

We are human, which means we have the potential to make things different.

~Gary Chapman

A soft answer turns away anger.

~Gary Chapman

Our spouse will usually interpret our message based on our tone of voice, not the words we use.

~Gary Chapman

Most people spend far more time in preparation for their vocation than they do in preparation for marriage.

~Gary Chapman

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