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Life is for living, so trust in the Lord and Go, Go, Go!
I can do all things through Christ that can strengthen me.
(Phil. ch4:v13)

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y wife and I have been married for 45 years. We have learned a lot about life over this period, and we would like to share it with you now: what we feel about our married life together, and some of the other relationships that are going around, such as partner relationships. We are not trying to advise you, because everyone in the end has to decide what is best for themselves.

When I was young, when we talked about partners we were referring to a dance partner, but the years have gone on. Back then, at the last dance the young man asked the girl who had been his partner all evening, if he could escort her home. She lived in a flat, and so did he. It turned out they were both loners, and as the evenings went by, they both seemed to enjoy each other's company.



It was a nice evening, with a full moon. They had not walked far before they came to a public seat. They sat down and chatted, enjoyed the evening, and soon it was 1am. They both said a lot of their friends were living as partners, what do you think of this idea? So I will let you finish this part of this little story in your own time. The last I heard, she piped up and said to him "your place or mine?"

This is one way to live as a married couple and avoid responsibility. When people get into one of these relationships they are very wary, and what kills it is from the very start, both partners plant a doubt in their minds of how long the relationship will last. And because of this, their love never gets a chance to grow, and they never have a good foundation to bring children into their home. They lack the strong love that can overcome all of the problems they will face.

The people that decide that married life is best after all, look for somebody that will respect them. Then over a period of time, they learn to trust each other with these precious lives they have been given to look after. So let's face it, they start courting, and as they have time together, they find a new dimension of love they haven't discovered before. In their minds, when they were not together, they were fantasising about each other. They could not but think of the things that attracted them to each other, such as the way they smiled. Little things like being caring, thoughtful, the way they did helpful things that were different to anyone else in the world.

They could not wait for the next date, and she always smiled when they met because she was made that way. Then he would give her a passionate kiss, which would make her radiant. They would walk down the road together, so proud of each other. They were so much in love that their feet were not even touching the ground. They were so much in love they felt they were on Cloud 9. Little things meant so much to them, like flowers and the laughter of children.





And they cried out – surely this must come from God, it is too good for this world. Where is God? I want to find him and thank him. This is living, this is true love – God has shown us true love. Well, what do you think about this? This is the most wonderful love, and they haven't mentioned this wonderful gift of sex that God has prepared for them when they get married. The Council were already complaining that this couple were breaking the law by not walking with their feet on the ground. When they got married it was everything or nothing, they gave themselves completely to each other. So when you looked at

them you could only see one person, and as the Bible says they are now one. Because now they believed in God and received Jesus as the Saviour, now they were walking together to eternity where true love with God lasts forever. Think of the wonderful foundation made to bring children into the world.

A tip for bringing up children: education is important though dangerous without responsibility or common sense; it is not complete without God. I believe from the beginning of the World when the Bible was written up to now, everything that was written has come true, which no other God has been able to do. When College time comes, that's the time you lose your children while they go with their friends to parties, drink, and girls.

Send your children to Sunday School. This is the least you can do for them, because if what is in the Bible is true, they need to know. Your children will be meeting new friends at the youth group at a church, having fun and meeting lifetime friends, doing exciting things that young people should be doing, under caring leaders. Fun fun fun. I guarantee that at least 95% of these teenagers that attend church youth groups won't end up having trouble with the law, over drinking or getting a girl into trouble. We have a fantastic Sunday School and Youth Group at the Salvation Army. I have talked to the kids and they love it, and there is so much love between the kids and the leaders.



If you don't believe in God because you can't see him, don't worry about it because the Bible says we are made in the image of God. So just look in the mirror and you will see God, he is closer than you think. Try talking to him, and find out about the real you and what he has got in store for you.

After 45 years of marriage my wife and I are more in love now that when we got married. I told my wife that she still looked so beautiful. I said her lips looked like

petals; she said "rose petals" and jokingly I said "no, bicycle pedals". The Doctor asked us how we were getting along. I replied that "love had taken over and we cannot wait to get to bed to hold hands." She said "that's good." I said "I won't let my wife wear lipstick now because I get too excited."

We go out for lunch sometimes, and I found you have to watch the wait-staff. One day this guy gave me a left-handed cake. I complained to the manager, and now they give us right-handed cakes. Have you ever tried eating a left-handed cake when you are right-handed?

The main thing is to do the right thing and trust in the Lord and not your own understanding. GOD BLESS.



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