# WALKING TOGETHER WITH TENDER HEARTS



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#### EPHESIANS 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

### DEFINITION OF TENDERHEARTED

Quick to feel compassion (tender) kind, affectionate, loving, tactful, delicate.

### PERSONAL DEFINITION OF TENDERHEARTED

Be quick to say, I'm sorry. It's hard sometimes, especially when you feel you are right.

There is nothing more beautiful than to see couples walking together with tender hearts.

There is nothing more disgusting than to see couples being abrasive and disrespecting each other.

Love is truly kind, you don't have to have your way all of the time.



I would like to go back to Ephesians 4:26 Ephesians 4:27, Nor give place to the devil. Be angry and do not sin, do 4:29, Let no corrupt word proceed not let the sun go down on out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification that it may your wrath. Be quick to impart grace to the hearers. FORGIVE. 4:31, Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you with all malice.

# Let's Talk About Love ...

Love suffer long and is kind, love does not envy. Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, does not seek it's own, is not provoked, thinks no evil, does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, Love never fails.



## MARRIAGE GEMS

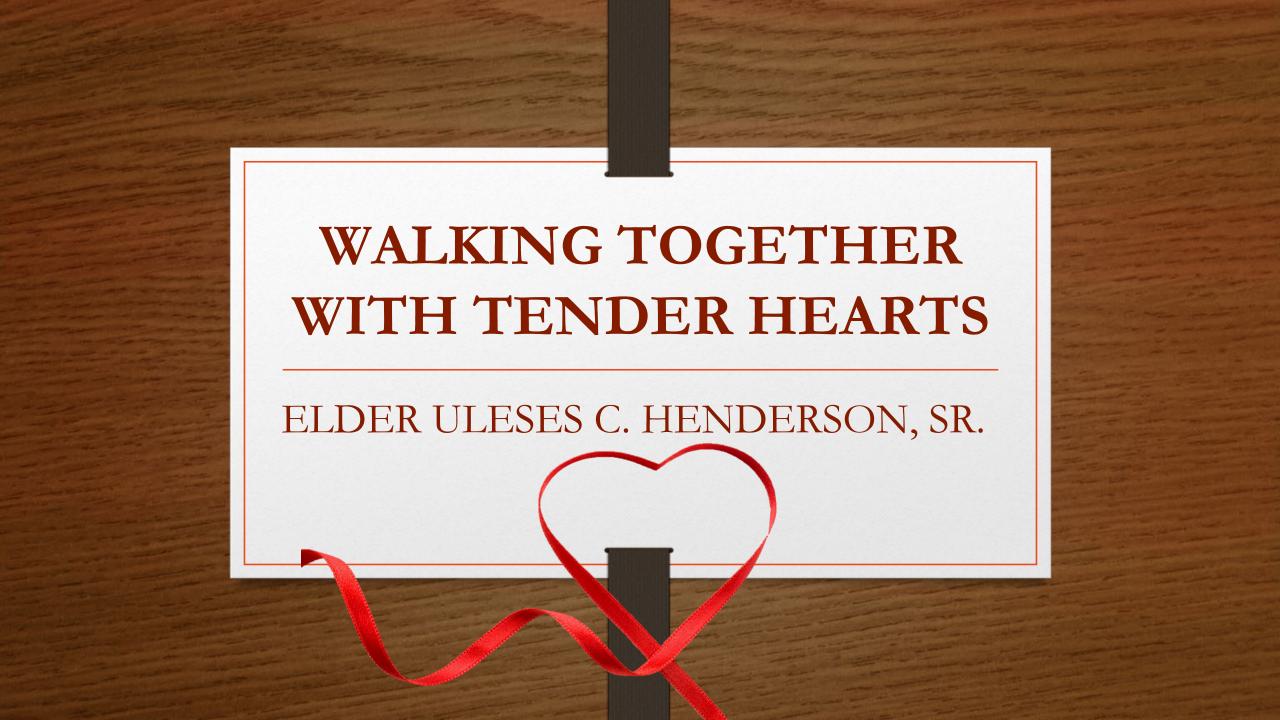
- 1. Always be ready to forgive. Forgiveness is like medicine; you need more than one dose.
- 2. Life is short so try to live it to it's fullest with less negativity.
- 3. Be friends, your spouse knows more about you than your Mother.
- 4. Be transparent, when you are hurting, share it.
- 5. Knowing the signs of a dissatisfied spouse and addressing the issues openly. Living with angry unprovoked outbursts is not a life you want to live. You have the right to be spoken to with respect at all times. You have the right to be asked and not ordered to do something.

# MARRIAGE GEMS (CONT.)

- 6. Abusive and disrespectful behavior causes long lasting emotional scares.
- 7. Seek the Lord about difficult issues in your marriage, and if it gets to be a real issue, seek counseling with your Pastor.
- 8. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy path, Proverbs 3:5.
- 9. Communication, the ability to discuss problems openly, to be honest and truly listen are vital to a long lasting successful relationship.
- 10. Forgiveness. Put past arguments and bad situations in the past and move forward. Don't hold grudges and bring up past mistakes.

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# SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:32, and be kind to one another, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

#### WALKING TOGETHER

Amos 3:3, says, Can two people walk together without agreeing of the direction?



Great marriages do not just happen. They succeed because the husband and wife invest 110% to create a relationship that does not just survive, but is successful.

They both are committed to one another and the relationship.

#### MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP

Mark 10:6-8, But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female, for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.

(This is a process)

## MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP (cont.)

God built all of civilization upon one relationship; marriages between a man and a woman. By His design; the family unit is the foundation of society.

At creation, God made the male and female. The only marriage relationship that God endorses in the scripture is the union between a man and woman. A man separates himself from his parents to be joined to a wife and the two become **ONE** flesh.

### MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP (cont.)

Mark 10:8, So then they are no longer two, but One flesh.

When a man and woman enter the marriage relationship God declares that two separate individual persons become one flesh, united spiritually, physically and emotionally.

(Paul declared it is a great mystery)

### MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP (cont.)

God has a plan for each husband and wife, but he also has a purpose for your marriage. This is the vehicle He has chosen to mirror His union with His bride, the Church.

Holy matrimony becomes just that, a divine covenant God sanctifies to use for his sacred purposes.

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Mark 3:25, And if a house be divided against itself, that house can not stand.



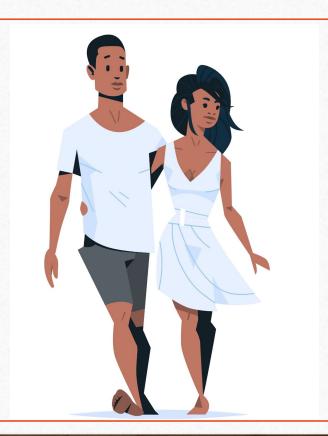
# A tender heart will produce:

- Forgiveness
- Sacrificial Love
- Kindness
- Affection
- Understanding



# A tender heart will produce:

- Compromise
- Friendship
- Trust
- Appreciation
- Encouragement



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Don't walk behind me, I might not lead.

Don't walk in front of me, I might not follow.

But walk beside me and be my FRIEND.

THANK YOU