

## Love is a powerful means of grace in marriage

### 1. We need to comprehend how love edifies

A wife's growth in godliness is nurtured by her husband's tangible love for her.

A husband's love for his wife is a means of grace for the husband's growth in godliness.

### 2. We need to intentionally practice edifying love

1. Love your wife by regularly identifying evidences of God's grace in her life.
2. Love your wife by giving her your most valuable possession: Time
3. Love your wife by protecting her spiritually

But Martha was distracted...But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." **Luke 10:40-42**

### 4. Love your wife by romancing her

### 5. Love your wife by prayer for and with her

- (1) *Prayer is a kind of fellowship*
- (2) *Prayer is also a deeply spiritual activity*
- (3) *Prayer with our wife can be awkward*

“Every time you insist that I am a sinner, just so often do you call me to remember the benefit of Christ my Redeemer, upon whose shoulders, and not upon mine, lie all my sins. So when you say that I am a sinner, you do not terrify, but comfort me immeasurably” **The Justification Reader**, quoting Martin Luther