

Intro - Every relationship needs some basic elements to succeed - especially the marriage relationship within a sacred family.

Proverbs 4:12 _____

I. The 5 Cords of Love

The book of Ruth is the story of a young widow who cares for her mother-in-law at great cost to herself.

1. The Cord of _____ . Ch 1:1-15

Note Naomi's reaction to her own difficult situation. _____

Kindness builds a relationship. _____

2. The Cord of _____ . Ch. 1:16-22

Ruth was loyal to her family's values and faith. _____

Nothing strengthens a relationship like a show of loyalty at a critical moment. _____

3. The Cord of _____ . Ch. 2:1-23

Ruth's relationship with Naomi caused her to work hard. _____

The best way to "stir up" a relationship is to:

A. Communicate _____

B. Do things _____

C. Share _____

The easiest thing to do in a relationship is to _____

4. **The Cord of** _____ . Ch. 3:1-4:12

Ruth had to marry in order to guarantee a better life for herself. _____

Patience is the rope that keeps you together when the other ropes give way. _____

Patience is learned. _____

5. **The Cord of** _____ . Ch. 4:13-22

No one knew God's plan in all of this. _____

Faith provides something that the other four cords cannot provide-hope. _____

Summary

The 5 Cords of Love:

1. Kindness- Builds _____

2. Loyalty- Binds _____

3. Work- Breaks _____

4. Patience- Balances _____

5. Faith- Brings _____

Where is the cord of Love? _____
