



The Challenge of Marriage & Desire

Attraction, Connection and Desire

Who am I?

Good Question!

Licenses: LPC/LMFT/CST

August 10th, 1987 (35 client hours per week x 50 weeks)

1750 Client Hours per Year x 27 years (and 6 months) = 48,090

Classes, Workshops, CEU's, Pre-Marriage, Marriage, Sexual Issues, (Affair Recovery, Sexual Addiction), Personal Growth, Individuals, Couples, Systems (including Personal & Business Relationships)

Some Basics

- Our Time Together: 6 Classes
- The Format: 7:00 – 7:40 Content, Comments, Questions
- 7:40 – 7:50 Brief Break
- 7:50 – 8:30 Content, Comments, Questions
- This Class is Designed to be Positive, Empowering, and Personal Growth Enhancing.
- www.billygrammerdallas.com/SpringClass.en.html

Some Basics

- Co-Create the Class – What do you personally wish to get out of this class?
- Write your question, comment, or “One thing that I really want to get out of this class is _____” on a 3x5 Card or send me an Email.
- I will weave your request, question or comment into the class material.

A Few Thoughts

- Embrace a Personal-Growth Approach to Relationships, especially Marriage
- Embrace the Perspective: There's Always Something "Right" about What Seems to be Going "Wrong!"
- Reject the Perspective that Relationships, especially Marriage, are designed to "Meet Your Needs."
- Focus your Attention: "Do you Wish to be Tolerated, Endured, or "Put up With," or Do you Wish to be Liked, Enjoyed and Desired?"

The Conclusion First

“Does Marriage ‘Kill’ Attraction and Desire?”

The Nature of Desire

Desire is Looking for its Object

High Short-Term Yield

High Short-Term Return

Low Investment

Low Cost

The Nature of Desire

Desire is Looking for its Subject

High Investment

High Long-Term Yield

High Cost

High Long-Term Return

The Wonderful Benefit

The growth of a person is the progressive liberation of desire. It is the process whereby desire finds ever more deeply its subject, whereby desire comes to be in one who can say, ever more deeply and wholly, “I want.”

Sabastian Moore, *The Liberation of Desire*.

Desire is Looking for a New Subject; Not a New Object

The Nature of Desire

Personal Growth Must Keep Pace with Degree of Difficulty
and Significance for Attraction & Desire to be Active and
Alive.

Attraction & Desire Fade When You Stop Growing!

Ski Slope

The Dialectic of Desire