

Why Dr. Willard Harley's Books Are Used in the *A Marriage Made In Heaven* Course

Willard Harley's books, *His Needs*, *Her Needs* and *Love Busters* have been printed in the millions of copies, primarily because they have helped so many, including Christians with overcoming difficulties in their marriages. His books are written to help them discover what issues that can result in damaging or destroying their marriages. Ignorance of these issues has resulted in a divorce rate in the church that is approaching fifty percent. That is why he illustrates each issue with real-life experiences. Reading his materials, it is clear that he believes that truth is what sets couples free to find success in their marriages.

Willard Harley is a devoted and committed believer, and his teaching was based on a request by his pastor to teach a large Sunday school course that would help divorce-proof their congregation. Additionally, Willard Harley has repeatedly been the guest on many, probably most, Christian television programs and has broadly been accepted as a recognized Christian source in providing vital practical and easily understandable teaching. Ignorance of truths of our God-provided human nature has been responsible for millions of divorces throughout the Body of Christ. The reality for many Christians is that we are ignorant of the damaging behavior that is destroying the love that we once had for our spouses.

The *A Marriage Made In Heaven* course has been the centerpiece of the marriage ministry within multiple congregations and has been "significantly" helpful for over ninety-five percent of those who have completed the course. In many classes, students have expressed, that, by applying the principals of this course, their marriages have been significantly improved, and even in some cases "saved." Students spend the entire first week discovering God's wonderful and practical basis for their marriage. Within the first fifty-seven pages the principals of Christian marriage are expounded and are supported by dozens of applicable scriptures. In fact, every chapter, every subject, and every week's topic and teaching are logically and spiritually supported by an abundance of scriptures.

The dual hallmark of this ministry has been and will continue to be the application of sacrificial love, God's principle form of love, and the recognition that true spirituality must be worked out in the every-day actions and interactions that are required of us in our humanity and within our marriages. It is in the art of living, that our Christian life and marriages can rise to the level that not only ends divorce within the church but helps our marriages rise to a higher plane, a level not available to those outside of our precious faith.

Love-in Christ,

Ted and Esther