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Love seeks to give others something of benefit for their welfare, and consequently, rejoices when they do benefit.

To be kind to someone is also a choice. You choose if your reaction is going to be nasty, offensive, rude, or friendly and compassionate. The choice is always up to you. I pray daily that every opportunity one gets to talk to one's beloved will be words that build up and not tear down. There is power in one's words. In proverbs 18:21 the writer clearly states that the power of life and death lies in the tongue. Will you choose daily to be under the Holy Spirit's influence, and not that of your flesh?

One's words have the power to cause strife or to for someone to feel warm and loved. Every time you and your beloved differ about something, do you choose to be like Jesus, and even if you do not agree with your spouse, choose their way? It's so hard for us to lay down our pride for Jesus' Humility. If we start living a selfless obedient life we will start to see our spiritual fruit developing. To be kind to a stranger is sometimes easier than to be kind to your spouse or a family member.

Kindness comes from the heart and it takes time and effort to fill your heart with the Lord's goodness. I pray daily for myself that My Lord will change my heart that I always see the goodness in my beloved's heart and not the negative. Do experiments with yourself today; try to focus on all of your partner's negative tendencies, and immediately you will get irritated and eventually even disgusted with them. But when you start to focus on all their positive points, this is where the difference comes in. You will only see the goodness of their heart, and appreciate them even more. What do you think Satan will want you to focus on, your spouse's positives or negatives? What about Jesus? Where will His focus be?

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You see everything in life is about where OUR focus is and what we fill ourselves (our hearts) with DAILY. Do the noble thing; make a commitment to yourself and God; no matter what your spouse's reaction toward you, you will always choose to be kind towards them, loving them out of a humble and passionate heart. Believe me it's easier said than done, but if you commit yourself to Jesus and let Him invade your stubborn heart, He will fill you with a newfound love for your partner.

I (your name) pledge today:

My commitment to my wife/husband as my beloved partner in marriage. I will continue to strive to be sensitive to my beloved's needs, to be open and understanding towards her/him, and to share my thoughts, and feelings, and my experiences with her/him. I renew MY promise to always try to bring out the qualities of forgiveness, compassion, and integrity in ourselves and in each other. I will continue to cherish her/his uniqueness. I will also continue to share in life's joys and remain steadfast in my stand and comfort (spouse's name) through life's sorrows.

I choose to love you my wife/husband as Christ Loved the Church. For better and for worse, I choose to love you even if you don't deserve my love. You are the one I chose to be my wedded wife/husband and I know that we were meant to last a life time. I have asked the Lord to forgive me for the present failure of our marriage, but I know He will restore and give us both a second chance as He did for so many before us. You are my best friend. Today I pledge to give myself to you. I promise to encourage and inspire you, to laugh with you, and to comfort you, in times of sorrow and struggle.

I promise to love you in good times and in bad, when life seems easy and when it seems hard, when our love is simple, and when it is an effort. I promise to cherish you, and to always hold you in highest regard. These things I give to you today, and all the days of our life. So my dear

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wife/husband, I choose today even if it means I may suffer for a while, to Love you because I want to. I loved you at the beginning and I will love you till the very end. My all is for you my beloved. If I come to the end of my earthly life the Lord will know that I loved you both before and during marriage.

My love for you will never end.

In Jesus name I pray

Amen