

## Preparing for Marriage by Receiving Good and Truth

None can know what conjugal love is or what the delight which accompanies it is like except those who receive the good of love and the truths of faith from the Lord.

*(Arcana Coelestia 10171)*

To experience the genuine marriage love which the Heavenly Doctrine calls “conjugal love,” it is essential to receive the good of love and truths of faith from the Lord. With this teaching in mind, what are some ways that you could prepare for marriage or work on becoming a better partner?

*With the goal of receiving the good of love and truths of faith from the Lord, I could...*

Conjugal love cannot exist with anyone unless good united to truth and truth united to good from the Lord are present in him.

*(see Arcana Coelestia 2729)*

The Heavenly Doctrine tells us that it is also important to conjoin good and truth if we want to be able to receive the precious gift of conjugal love. What could you do to work on uniting good and truth in your life?

To work on uniting good and truth in my life, I could...

The Rev. Prescott Rogers notes that a key step is “to read the Lord's Word for yourself. Every time we hear the Lord's Word and think about what it says, the Lord draws near to us. And the Lord is the source of all love, including the love that is in marriage” (from an article titled “Steps and Stages in Preparing for Marriage”).