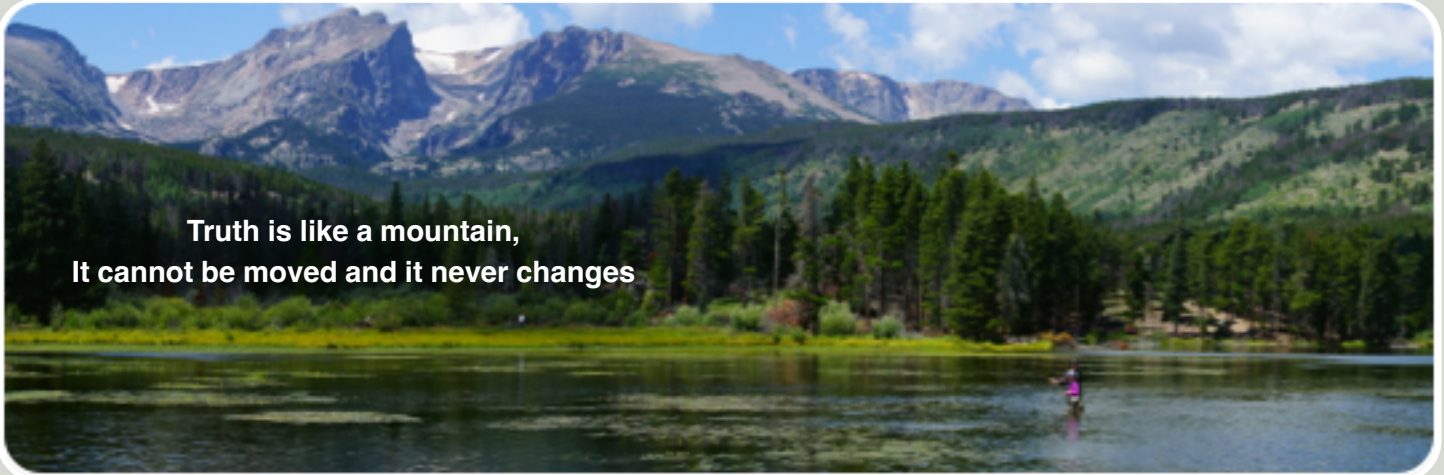


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



Truth is like a mountain,
It cannot be moved and it never changes

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February is the month we celebrate love. This is good because love is wonderful! Nothing quite compares to the emotions one feels when they fall in love. But far too often, couples find themselves falling uncontrollably out of love. We have seen this happen quickly, and we have also seen it happen slowly over the course of many years. Either way, it is a tragedy because in most instances, it could have been avoided.

In the feature article this month, we share a very simple thing that couples can do to avoid seeing their love shrivel and die. Miss Linda and I have used it, our children have used it, and our grandchildren are using it. And it works! Be sure and check it out.

FEATURE ARTICLE: "Water Your Plant!"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not our goal. Our goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

February is the month when we celebrate love. Young children exchange valentines, and adults express their love to one another in wonderful, creative ways. This is all good because, as the old song from 1955 says, "Love is a many-splendored thing."

The lyrics are:

Love is a many-splendored thing
It's the April rose that only grows in the early
spring
Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be
living
The golden crown that makes a man a king
Once on a high and windy hill
In the morning mist, two lovers kissed, and the
world stood still
Then your fingers touched my silent heart
and taught it how to sing
Yes, true love's a many-splendored thing

I have always been fascinated by the effect love has on people. It's a strange feeling, hard to describe. It makes people do foolish illogical things, disrupts their thought process, and completely scrambles their emotions. I speak from experience. Before meeting Miss Linda, I had dated many girls, but when I fell in love with her, it was an experience totally new to me. She smote my heart, and when she told me she loved me too, it made me feel like the king of the world. It was like nothing I had ever experienced before.

But I am also reminded of another love song by Nat "King" Cole. Here are some of the lyrics to, "When I fall in love."

In a restless world like this,
Love is ended before it's begun.
And too many moonlight kisses,
Seem to cool in the warmth of the sun.

Over the years, I have been fascinated by the breakups I have witnessed. People who had seemed so in love became bitter enemies, often trying to destroy each other. I have found myself asking, "What happened? How is this possible?" There are a million answers to those questions, but I will limit myself to only one.

They forgot to water their plant.

I know you are probably wondering, what on earth is he talking about? I used this at my grandson John's wedding as an admonition to him and his wife, Olivia. I said, "Supposing as a wedding gift I gave you a beautiful plant, full of blossoms and lush green leaves. What would happen to that plant if you put it out in the sun and never watered it? Soon it would lose its beauty, shrivel up, and die. That plant is like your love. Today, it is a thing of beauty, but if you do not care for it, it will lose its beauty and die. So, water your plant every day. By that, I mean consciously do the things that say to your mate, "I love you more than anything in the world. You mean more to me than you'll ever know."

I am happy to report that over the next several years, I regularly received phone calls from them, telling me what they had done to water their plant that day. The rest of our family picked up on the saying and began reminding one another to "water your plant." As a result, all our marriages, including mine, became stronger.

And so today I want to encourage you to take a good look at your love. Is it as beautiful as it once was, or have you neglected it? Yes, love is a splendid thing, but it requires constant care if it is to remain beautiful and strong.

It is time to start watering your plant every day!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH