

229 “Falling in Love” AFTER Marrying

In this quote from L102 (P79 ¶69 - P81¶71) *The Seven Cardinal Sins*, the Guide speaks of “Falling in Love” AFTER marrying as not being easy, but it is possible.’

69	<p>QUESTION: <i>If a man marries without being really deeply in love with a woman –</i></p> <p><i>first,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>is this wrong?</i> <p><i>Second:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>is it possible that with proper guidance this marriage could turn out well?</i>• <i>Is it possible that they then fall in love, that it develops into a real love affair, even though it was started rather coldly?</i>
70	<p>ANSWER: <i>It is very hard to answer you with a definite statement of</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>right</i> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>wrong.</i> <p><i>It depends on so many circumstances.</i></p>

It [i.e., Whether a marriage where you are NOT really deeply in love with the woman is right or wrong, and whether such a marriage can mature into one which is a real love affair]

depends

on the

- *motivation,*

on the

- *kind of feelings you do have,*

and

on the

- *will and*
- *effort*

that is put into the relationship.

But, generally,

I may say that

- *if the motivation*
is sincere

and

- *if feelings of*
 - *affection,*
 - *respect,*
 - *liking*

for the other human being
are there,

together with

- *certain common basic interests,*

- *this may indeed turn out to be*
a better marriage
than one based
only on passion.

In the latter [i.e., In the case of a marriage based only on passion],
the real values
may be overlooked.

Yet,

I do not mean

that if two people are
in love,

they necessarily
overlook the real values.

	<p><i>They may have fallen in love just because of them [i.e., just BECAUSE of their respective real values].</i></p>
71	<p><i>What you say [i.e., “that a marriage where you are NOT initially deeply in love with the woman CAN mature into a marriage which is a real love affair”] is certainly not a rule, but it is possible under certain circumstances if real values are perceived.</i></p> <p><i>However, a careful examination should be made in such a case [i.e., in such a case where you are NOT initially really deeply in love with the woman] as to the motivation [i.e., the motivation for getting married] in both people.</i></p> <p><i>This [i.e., This careful examination in both people as to the motivation for getting married] cannot be</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• quickly</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• easily done,</i> <p><i>because</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• deep and</i> <i>• hidden</i> <p><i>factors may play a role.</i></p> <p><i>Even</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• distorted</i> <p><i>and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• unhealthy motives,</i> <p><i>when finally brought out into the open, may not have a damaging effect.</i></p>

	<p><i>But they [i.e., But distorted and unhealthy motives for getting married] will be extremely damaging if one is</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• unaware of them</i> <p><i>or</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• not willing to deal with them.</i>
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