

THE MAJOR TASKS OF THE PASSAGES OF MARRIAGE

THE FIRST PASSAGE – YOUNG LOVE

The First Two Years

- Task 1: Mold into One Family
- Task 2: Overcome the Tendency to Jockey for Control
- Task 3: Build a Sexual Union
- Task 4: Make Responsible Choices
- Task 5: Deal with Your Parents' Incomplete Passages

THE SECOND PASSAGE – REALISTIC LOVE

The Third through the Tenth Years

- Task 1: Hang On to Love after Reality Strikes
- Task 2: Recognize the Hidden Contracts in Your Marriage
- Task 3: Write a New Marriage Contract
- Task 4: Childproof Your Marriage

THE THIRD PASSAGE – COMFORTABLE LOVE

The Eleventh through the Twenty-fifth Years

- Task 1: Maintain an Individual Identity along with the Marriage Identity
- Task 2: Say the Final Good-Byes
- Task 3: Overcome the Now-or-Never Syndrome
- Task 4: Practice True Forgiveness
- Task 5: Accept the Inevitable Losses
- Task 6: Help Your Adolescent Become an Individual
- Task 7: Maintain an Intimate Relationship

THE FOURTH PASSAGE – RENEWING LOVE

The Twenty-sixth through the Thirty-fifth Years

- Task 1: Combat the Crisis of This Passage
- Task 2: Reestablish Intimacy
- Task 3: Grieve the Particular Losses of This Passage

THE FIFTH PASSAGE – TRANSCENDENT LOVE

The Thirty-sixth Year and On

- Task 1: Prepare for Retirement
- Task 2: Continue Renewing Love
- Task 3: Achieve a Transcendent Perspective
- Task 4: Accept My One and Only God-Given Life