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LOVE POTION #9

1 Corinthians 14:1 (The Message)

1 Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does.

According to 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, what is 'love'?

If you were grading yourself on how well you love how are you doing? [use 1 Cor 13:4-7 as your standard – not your 'feelings'. Be as objective as you can.]

Stages of Love

1. _____ 2. Reality 3. _____ 4. Mature Relationship

What's your '_____ factor' with this person?

Many of us live in the '_____ ' of the Idealization - Cycle and never break through to real love for the long haul. We quit on relationships too soon and just find it easier to move on to the next 'high' of a new relationship that 'feels' like love. If you are about to end a relationship, check yourself now and ask yourself, "Have I done all that I can to live at peace?" and, have I talked with this person face to face in a non-rushed environment – not at them or about them?

[Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15; 18:21-22 / Mark 11:25 / James 5:19 / Romans 12:19 / Ephesians 4:15]

Commanders VS. Stuffers

Which are you? How much are you that way?

Commander

Stuffer



Pure Worship is linked to mature loving relationships where the books are balanced – don't even come to the table until you do business with one another.

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Call to Action

Balance the Books – with God and with each other before you come to Communion.

Simply say, 'I do love you and I want to love you better. I want a strong relationship with you. I'm sorry that I hurt you OR I'm hurt by _____. Would you take some time to talk with me about this and let's see if we can move on?'

Homework

1. Consider Christ as the ultimate 'lover' and follow His example. As Christ has been to you so you must be to others.
2. Building Mature relationships and restoring relationships takes face time – real honest, heart to heart face to face work where you can fully experience the full person – where you can really see and sense what they are saying and not saying. Schedule real uncluttered time with the person you want to be in relationship with. [this, by the way, can include God!]
3. Do a personal Bible Study on all the scriptures listed on this card and prayerfully ask God to show you what to do with what you are learning.

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