



C. _____ Love

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

⁴ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, ⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; ⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; ⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

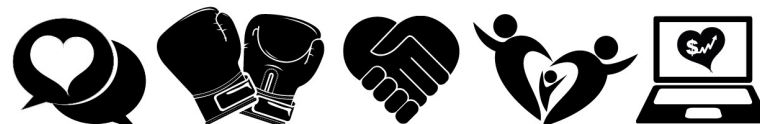
Conclusion: _____

Reflection Questions:

1. In what specific areas of your relationship with your spouse do you find yourself behaving or thinking selfishly?
2. What specific conditions of selfishness can you identify in yourself?
3. What kind of expectations do you have for your marriage and spouse? How can you begin communicating those expectations to him or her?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Ask yourself if you are patient, kind, boastful, etc., to your spouse. In what areas do you need to improve?

FROM THIS DAY FORWARD

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



YOU FIRST

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PHILIPPIANS 2:2-4

² Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. ³ Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. ⁴ Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Introduction: _____

QUOTE: "Beliefs that encourage self-centeredness destroy marriage."

1. The _____ of Selfishness

A. _____

Puppy Love	Mature Love
Focuses on receiving	Seeks to give to the other person
Impatient, self-centered	Patient in spite of the other's flaws
Tends to outbursts of anger	Responds gently and appropriately to irritants
Self-protective, because it insists of meeting its needs above all	Transparent and vulnerable

EPHESIANS 5:15

¹⁵ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

B. Time _____

EPHESIANS 5:16

¹⁶ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

C. _____

EPHESIANS 5:17

¹⁷ Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

- Ask your spouse the question, "What says, 'I love you' to you?"
- Act on the answers to that question.

D. _____

EPHESIANS 5:21

²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

2. The _____ for Selfishness

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

3. The _____ from Selfishness

A. _____ Love

- Give attention to your relationship.
- Activate your will.
- Stay on the tracks.

EPHESIANS 5:25

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

TITUS 2:4

⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

B. _____ Love

1 PETER 3:8

⁸ Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: