



Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Romans 12:9-12
NRSV

“Becoming the Right Person”

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Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

How do we do it? First, we must admit, “It is more important to _____ the right person than to _____ the right person.”

Research Suggests: The only person you can _____ is you.

Fix your pet, not your partner. – Andy Stanley

“You always, you never, you should, you need to,” _____ relationships.

When one party wins and one party loses, the _____ loses.

Couples flourish when they sense they are creating something together.

The **four most serious threats** to a lasting relationship are:

Criticism: verbally attacking personality or _____.

Contempt: disrespect, ridicule, eye-rolling, treating as _____.

Defensiveness: I’m rubber, you’re glue... reversing _____.

Stonewalling: withdrawing from the relationship to _____ conflict.

The Bible Teaches: _____ is to will the good of the other person.

Real love is “*playing _____ fiddle.*” Romans 12:9-10 The Message

In _____, we don’t **push**. We don’t **pretend**. We don’t **presume**.

“*Keep yourselves fueled... don’t _____ in hard times; _____.*” 11-13

“*Overcome evil with _____.*” Romans 12:21

Submit to one another. It is _____! Ephesians 5:21

“*Come away and _____ awhile,*” Jesus says in Mark 6:31.



The grass is always greener where you water it. @MarkFosterA2

28 Years of Marriage Experience

1. _____ the relationship. Children come _____!
2. Individual _____ for both people can make a big difference.
3. _____ rest. _____ difficult conversations. _____ finances.

Action Steps: _____ someone other than yourself this Thursday.

Have a _____ second kiss every day for relational health.

Keep a _____ to 1 ratio of positive to negative interactions.

If married, be _____ with one another 10 days in a row.

Next Week: “Loving Difficult People”