

Week 15 – Loving Day 1

Loving - Definition

Willing to give up self for something or someone.

Loving - Quote

“Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude.”

The Bible

Demonstration:

For each day of the week, give yourself either “+” if you demonstrate this quality or “-” if you do not.

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My Goals for the Week:

+	

What is the key ingredient to the quality of love?

How does helping others help you?

Week 15 Loving Day 2

The Gift of the Magi

This short story, written by O. Henry, was originally published in 1905. It is about the love of a young couple for each other. As you listen, check to see if you can discern their commitment, risk and behavior change.

A young couple, with little money, was getting ready to celebrate Christmas with each other. They each wanted to surprise the other with special gifts.

The wife, whose hair was long and beautiful, sells her hair in order to buy a chain for her husband's pocket watch. The husband, who has a beautiful watch, sells it to buy combs for his wife's hair.

When they exchanged their gifts, they both discover that both of their gifts can't be used but greater than that is the love that they both demonstrated by giving up something for the other.

Of the three qualities of love: commitment, risk and behavior change, which do you think is best exemplified in this story? Why?

**"Love desires to satisfy others even at the expense of self." Edwin Louis Cole
Explain how the young couple in our story illustrates this quote.**

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Day 3

Love Of Country

As you listen to the story, listen for the 3 points of love:

1. commitment
2. risk
3. behavior change

We are a free, independent, powerful country today because our history is dotted with people who loved this country. George Washington before the Revolutionary War was one of the richest men in America. He made a commitment to give his money and his time to defeat Great Britain. What risk did he take? His life. He and the men who signed the Declaration of Independence would have been hung as traitors had America lost the Revolutionary War. Was his behavior changed? He gave up a comfortable life of a "gentleman farmer" to survive Valley Forge, freeze and go hungry for the idea of an independent nation.

Nathan Hale, upon being discovered as a spy before he was hung declared, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country."

When the largest man signed the Declaration of Independence, he was jokingly told he had made the smallest sacrifice because he would die the quickest at the end of a rope.

All the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice so we can enjoy the benefits of America have passed the test for love.

1. Commitment (their lives)
2. Risk
3. Behavior

Before you say, "I love you", check to see if you pass all the criteria.

How do you express love for your country?

What/who do you know that passes all 3 tests?

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Day 4

The Banquet Hall

In the book, See You at the Top, by Zig Ziglar, there is a story about the prospect of heaven and hell.

A man is taken on a tour of each, beginning with hell. He is shown a banquet hall with people sitting at tables full of delicious foods of all kinds. Somewhat surprised, he looks more carefully to see that the people there are miserably thin and unhappy. He also discovers that each person at the table has a fork strapped to the left hand and a knife strapped to the right hand on 4 foot handles making it impossible to feed themselves. They were literally starving to death with all of the delicious food right there in front of them.

The man was then taken to heaven. The scene was identical with a huge banquet hall and tables of food. In this scene however the people were happy and healthy. When the man watched these people, he noticed that they too had forks and knives strapped to their hands with the 4 foot handle. The difference was that each person in heaven fed the person sitting next to them.

What were the people in hell in love with?

What were the people in heaven in love with?

Ben Franklin said that a person in love with himself has no rivals. Explain.

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Day 5

Evaluate Your Week

We've been focused on "Loving" this week, how did you do? For every goal not met, explain what happened and what you can do differently next week to have success.

If you completed goals, what did you learn?

Write down in complete sentences, something that you learned about "Loving" this week.

Of the three stories, "The Gift of the Magi", "George Washington and Nathan Hale", "The Banquet Hall", which had the greatest impact on you? Why?

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