

Love Defects

ANGER

Mt. 18:21-35, Eph. 4:26-27

A selfish, negative reaction to a "wrong" suffered personally.

ANXIETY

Mt. 6:25-34, Phil. 4:6-7, 1 Pt.5:7

Unproductive activity caused by unfulfilled love feelings.

AUTHORITARIAN

1 Pt. 5:2-4, 2 Cor. 1:24, Titus 1:7

One who feels that being loved is being obeyed. "One way—mine."

BRAT

Gal. 5:22, 26; Phil. 2:3,4; Jms.3:13-18

"I want," therefore you must give to me. Manipulates through withdrawal or anger.

DEPRESSION

1 Kings 19, 2 Cor. 7:5-13, Mt. 27:3-5

Inability to function because of feelings like "no one loves me—and no one ever will."

DISCIPLINE

Gal. 6:1, Mt. 18:15-17, Heb. 12:5-11, 2 Tim. 4:2, Eph. 6:4; Prov. 6:23,10:17, 15:5, 31-31, 13:24

A confrontation—emotional or physical—to stop harmful actions to develop maturity in another person.

FAITH PRINCIPLE

Mt. 16:24, Mk. 8:35; Phil. 1:21,29

The functioning principle of emotional and spiritual life. One must lose her life in order to gain it.

FORGIVENESS

Mt. 18:21-34, Rom. 12:10-11, 2 Cor. 2:10-11, Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13

Set aside negative feelings; choose to work in redemptive way. Act of will by forgiving one. Not expect thankful response from offender.

HYPERACTIVITY

Lk. 10:38-41, Eph. 5:15-16

Excessive purposelessness and perpetual activity. Secondary to underlying depression. Fragmented.

PARANOIA

Ps. 139, Phil. 2:4, Col. 3:2

Feeling, "If someone doesn't love me, they must hate me." That people deliberately do things to annoy me.

REPENTANCE

Ps. 51:7, Jms. 4:17

"Rethinking." Recognize that a former attitude was wrong and adopt a new one. Change. Go other way.

TRIBAL

Lk. 1:27-37

Give love only in selective, limited sphere—family, ethnic group. Think in limited way. Narrow viewpoint.

VIRGINAL INNOCENT

Ps. 139, Mt. 6:25-34, 1 Cor. 7:2-4

Holds onto dream of finding "man of my dreams." Romantic who is easily seduced by doctors, lawyers, others from whom she seeks counsel. Or, she seduces, but pretends innocence.

WORK FOR LOVE

Lk. 10:38, Eph. 5:2

Substitutes action for emotional involvement. "How can you do this after all I've done for you?"

CINDERELLA DREAM

Jms. 4:13-15

Expectations rule her until she comes out of dream state. Must realize he never loved her. She was fantasizing.

WORK SUBSTITUTE

Eph. 5:25-29,33

Work is love. (Men.) "What do you mean, I don't love you? I work all day." No understanding of emotional side of life. Paycheck = love.

DOMESTICATED TRANSPLANT

Mt. 6:19-21,24

Unprepared for roles she'll assume in the home. No "work" success there. Feels transplanted from where she's accepted into the home.

CENTRAL LOVE

Jn. 15:12-13, Jn. 21:20

Love centered around special permanent loved ones: God, family, etc. We need this.

DIFFUSE LOVE

Mt. 10:2-4

Shallow love. Relationships with many people, but no deep love.

INFANTILE LOVE

Mt. 20:20-21, Lk. 9:46-49

"I deserve to be loved just because I exist." Keeps looking for someone to fill "deep emotional need." Never grown up emotionally; selfish.

MATURE LOVE

Mk. 16:4-44, Jn. 13:14-15, Eph. 4:15

Committed to sacrificial love, as Christ loved us. Requires discipline and thought pattern of redemption, so the loved ones mature.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Mt. 16:24-26

Lover willingly gives up self for needs (not demands) of loved ones. Within framework of God's truth.

LOVE BANK

Eph. 6:4

Emotional reserve deposited by past love experiences, from which emotional energy is derived. Emotional damage results without it.