

LESSON EIGHT: LOVE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED

- ✧ LOVE IS MUCH MORE THAN AN EMOTION
- ✧ LOVE ACTS/DOES NOT ACT IN A CERTAIN WAY
- ✧ LOVE IS LEARNED
- ✧ LOVE IS HARD, NEVER ENDING WORK

(Answer the following on the back or on a separate sheet of paper to allow yourself space to comment fully)

1. What does it mean to "take into account a wrong suffered?" ("to think evil" KJV) This characteristic of love is the opposite of what other one in the list in 1 Cor 13?
2. Did Jesus "take into account a wrong suffered" with these men? Lk 23:34 & Acts 2:36-41; Lk 22:31-32 & Jn 21:15-17; Acts 9:5, 15 & 1 Tim 1:12-17. In each case, did Jesus forgiving attitude come before or after men's repentance? What's the lesson for us?
3. What has the Lord done for us? What should we therefore do for others? Eph 4:32; Col 3:13 How many times? Times a day? Mt 18:21-22; Lk 17:3-4 What if we don't forgive? Mt 18:23-35; Mk 11:25-26
4. What is love able to do? 1 Pet 4:8
5. What will happen to us as day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, we keep record of the times our spouse has wronged us? How will this record-keeping affect our relationship with our spouse?
6. What will happen if we quietly keep track of our spouses wrongs and never tell them we feel they have done wrong? (perhaps with good intentions- in our mind we are thinking to "keep peace" by not saying anything or perhaps with evil intentions- we are just "saving them up" wrongs as ammunition to make a bigger attack on our spouse or to defend ourselves against their attack on us)
7. If we keep bringing up our spouse's wrong after it has been discussed and resolved, what does this show?

"Vengeance is having a videotape planted in your soul that cannot be turned off. It plays the painful scene over and over... It hooks you on its instant replays. Each time it replays, you feel the pain again...

To forgive is to put down your 50 lb. pack after a 10 mile climb up a mountain; To forgive is to fall into a chair after a 15 mile marathon; To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you...

Forgiveness is completed when two alienated people start over again, beginning where they are, though it is not an ideal place for a reunion." -- Lewis Smedes