

怎么知道你是否在恋爱！

真爱的十个测试

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测试八、你想要送对方礼物吗？

如果存在真爱，下面是另外一个测试：*你想要送对方礼物吗？*你可以把健康和力量分开，把美丽和喜乐分开，把盐和胡椒分开，把火腿和鸡蛋分开，但是你不能把爱和给予分开。这两者通常是在一起的，因为在爱里，一个人愿意给予对方。

我们讨论的话题是爱的特点。当然爱有一个不可缺少的特点就是慷慨。例如，现在，如果一个年轻人管一个年轻女士叫做他的爱人，但是每次当他拜访这位女士的时候，却总是两手空空，没有花，没有糖果，你怎么想这件事？

当他和女孩在一起的时候，他大声表白自己不灭的爱情，神圣地宣誓她是自己眼睛里的瞳仁，但是他却从来没有在花店里买过兰花，或者一束康乃馨放在他爱的女士脚前。他也从来没有在糖果店里买过一个五磅包装的甜点，甚至几颗软糖。他也从来没有害羞地做过一个有修饰缎带的礼物盒子，或者其它类似的东西。你觉得这位男士所声明的爱是怎样的？你会说或者他是在说谎，那么你肯定是正确的。

爱是给予，否则爱就不会存在。内心深处的爱往往会伴随着外在表现。礼物不见得价值很高或者很珍贵。事实上，最有价值的礼物往往不见得可以用金钱的价值来衡量。这个不是问题的关键。礼物仅仅是内心真实感情的外在表现。

或者，如果一个女士不断地声称自己对某位男士有兴趣，却从来没有邀请他吃过一次自己亲手做的可口饭菜。或者同样这位女士（当然是在她密友的圈子里），多次表示过对一位男士的喜爱，却从来没有亲手为他做过一双14号的袜子？

爱是不断地给予、给予、给予。例如，以一个母亲的爱为例。母爱是世界上最无私的爱。因为上帝在母亲的心里赐予了最纯洁的感情。任何母亲在被需要时都能够立刻付出自己的时间、服侍、教导和关心。她将这些无保留地给予她所爱的人。日复一日，她必须耐心而细致地满足孩子们多样的需要。夜复一夜，充满了只有她能够回答的电话。母亲通常倾向于全无保留地付出。但是没有人能够质疑母亲无保留的爱。

这种给予并不仅仅表现在物质的给予上。确实物质的给予是看得到的。但是可以给予的东西往往不仅仅局限于此。有人可能会付出时间和劳动。另外的人可能付出无法度量的耐心。其它的礼物或许是信实和忠诚，这两者都是无价的。

这些礼物的给予也并不期望回报。事实上，期待回报的话就会毁坏爱的这个内在的本质。爱的给予不期待回报，只是爱在内心的驱使会有这种自然付出的外在表现。如果接受者努力回报，就会破坏这种给予带给给予者的奖赏。爱给予是因为它必须给予，没有任何被回报的期待，相反，给予者认为能够给予是自己的一种特权。

How To Tell If You're In Love – 10 Tests For True Love

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Test Number Eight

Do You Want to....

Here is a test for true love if ever there was one. Do you want to give him gifts? You can no more separate loving from giving than you can separate health from strength, or joy from beauty, or salt from pepper, or ham from eggs. These just naturally go together, for one is very certain to produce a desire for the other.

Our subject is the true character of love, and certainly the indispensable quality is generosity. For instance now, what would you think of a young man who called on the young lady of his choice, time after time, but each time he knocked on the door and was ushered into the parlor he brought nothing in his hand, no flowers, no candy, no doodads?

While he was with the girl, he loudly proclaimed his Gargantuan, undying affection, and sacredly swore that she was the apple of his eye. But never did he stop in the florist's shop to purchase an orchid or even a few carnations to put at the feet of his ladylove. Never did he frequent the confectioner's shop to purchase a five-pound box of sweets or even a few gumdrops. Never did he shyly produce a beribboned box, or something or other. What would you think of the protestations of love from such a character? You would say it was all phony, and you would be dead-right!

Love is something which must give or it cannot live. There must be tangible evidence of the inner genuineness of character. Not that the gifts must be of rare value or transcendent worth. As a matter of fact, sometimes the choicest gifts have little or no monetary value. That's not the question in point. The gift is merely an indication of a deep desire on the part of the one who loves to bring to his beloved a token of the affection of his heart.

Or what would you think of a young lady who modestly yet persistently affirmed an interest in the young man of her choice, but who never invited him over to dinner to taste the delicious concoction she had made with her own lily-white hands? Or what would you think of the same girl who would swear up and down (to a select audience, of course) that she was fond of this fellow, but who never made him a pair of lumpy socks to wear on his size 14's?

...Bring Him Gifts?

Love gives and gives and gives. Take, for instance, a mother's love. That's about the purest form of love there is to be found. For in the mother's heart God kindles an affection of the purest quality. Any mother is called on constantly to give of her time, of her service, of her teaching, of her solicitude. She pours out these qualities without reservation upon her dear ones. Day after day she must patiently and kindly care for the multitudinous needs of her flock. Night after night there are calls which only she can answer. The mother must of necessity give without reservation to the last degree. But no one can ever question the genuineness of a mother's love. It gives.

Nor is this matter of giving confined only to things. It is true that such tokens are indicative, but there are many things which can be given. One may give without stint of his time or labor. Another may bestow patience without measure. Still other gifts may comprise faithfulness and loyalty which, after all, are in the priceless class.

Nor are these gifts given with hope of remuneration. In fact, such a stipulation would destroy the intrinsic character of the quality. Love gives not in hope of returns, but rather because of the inner compulsiveness which demands this expression. Nothing will so destroy the reward that such giving brings to the donor as for the recipient to endeavor to pay in return. Love gives because it must give, without thought of any reward other than the privilege of doing so.

It is openly known that this quality of love is overwhelmingly demonstrated by the affection that God has for us. God is the world's most magnificent Giver. In the very beginning He provided this vast and intricate universe with all its marvelous beauty and utility for the sons of men. It is God who with His own hands painted the blue of our sky and the gold of our sunset. It is God who clothed the hillsides of earth with their green carpet.

You can lift up your eyes and look everywhere you choose. You'll find nothing but what God has given. Remember the Scriptures warn us that we both brought nothing into the world and we shall take nothing out.

Consequently, the entire realm of the things of the earth are gifts from the hand of a prodigiously, beneficent Creator, God is surely a great giver.

It is God who give the song of the birds, distilled the fragrance of the flowers, planned the exhilaration of the sea, the satisfaction of good food. All of this and untold more are the gifts of our great and wonderful Creator.

But the love of God reveals its truest character in the gift of his dear Son. Here is the supreme gift of the ages. Here is the absolutely undeniable exhibition of the heart of God, for to a world that was both unlovely and rebellious God gave the supreme gift of all time in His own dear Son. Not the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, not the golden streets of Heaven, but the choicest gem of all, His only begotten Son. There never can be any doubt about the genuineness of God's love.

Of course, God's love is not the question at hand. The matter which troubles us concerns the intrinsic character of our affection for Christ. Is it just an "on the surface" feeling? Concerning this One who has done for us what no other one could ever do,....do we have an answering comparable affection? How can we tell?

Well, let us apply this test. Do we give to God? Do we constantly bring gifts to Him? Every time we enter His presence do we bear tokens of our gratitude?

And I'm not thinking particularly of money. It is true that money can be an expression of love, but occasionally it can be a means to salve an uneasy conscience. God values more highly the sincere praise of thankful hearts or faithful service from grateful hands. God receives monetary gifts only if they are warm with our earnest appreciation.

Let's face it then. There is no true love without giving, and if your love be barren of this essential quality it would be wise to examine carefully the basis on which it stands. If you find it lacking, there is good news for you. God Himself will fashion the genuine article in your heart if you ask Him, and then allow Him to do so.

There's a sense in which God offers to teach us by doing. He promises that those who sow bountifully shall reap bountifully. In other words, if you're a bit hesitant about adventuring into this field of giving, you can do it on a small scale. If it works there, then why not go all out for it?