怎么知道你是否在恋爱! 真爱的十个测试 作者: 威廉·奥尔

测试九、你现在的计划以对方为中心吗?

你今天、今晚、明天要做什么? *我们现在的测试是: 你现在的计划以对方为中心吗?* 你看,爱的特性决定了一个男人或者女人全人的投入。当你在真正的恋爱中时,你自己好像从来不会再为自己考虑什么。你所考虑的总是对方打算做什么。我来解释给你听为什么。

每个人都会做计划。你有自己的学校、工作、教会活动、社交活动,所有这些都需要你花时间投入。所以,在繁忙的日子,我们需要仔细计划自己的时间,以便使时间更充分地利用。每个人都被迫要非常合理地计划自己的时间。

但是,当你在恋爱中时,所有这些都会受到影响。如果你要去学校,地点和时间将由那个特别的人要做什么来决定。你的工作经常取决于对方在哪里工作。甚至你去的教会,听讲道的牧师,都会因为对方是否也会去而受到影响。

现在,我并不谴责所有这些。我只是指出这些都是爱的特点。当你在爱中时,你所有的计划都取决于对方的计划。你对此毫无办法。你的心不容许你做不同的选择。你爱的对象就像是地轴的中心,你的生活不自觉地总是围着他/她在转,或许,这是一件好的事情。

事实上,有些时候你的计划必须要做根本的改变。有些美丽头脑中从来没有认真思想的轻浮女孩突然会对家庭生活表达出浓厚的兴趣。她们史无前例地,会去妈妈那里请教如何做可口的饭菜,仅仅因为某位男士对吃非常感兴趣。有的坐在祖母脚前请教如何织毛衣、或者做针线活,因为在某一次浪漫的谈话中,对方提到他喜欢会做针线活的传统女孩。

同样这种事对男孩子也有影响。可能改变并不发生地那么突然,但是不管怎样,还是会有影响。许多以前只喜欢只对舷外马达和改装汽车感兴趣的男孩会突然发现自己对葡萄藤覆盖的小屋开始注意。许多以前只注意汽化器、画板和自动机械的小伙子们突然开始对珠宝店或者家具展厅感兴趣。很奇怪,是吧?

让我们这么说吧。如果你不能再简简单单做为自己计划,那么或许你真的是在恋爱了。如果你所有的安排都是为两个人做的,如果你发现自己经常说"我们",而不是"我",如果你总是看到两个,那么有可能你真的陷入真爱了。

不要觉得这件事情出界了。最初,上帝的创造就是这样。你记得圣经中指出二人要成为一体。这个一体是两个人。有时,这两个人会变成三、四、五、六。我要指出一点,就是有时这种关于两人的思想可能并没有被清除地表达出来。

有些人觉得自己宁愿去死,也不愿意让人知道自己对婴儿室家具感兴趣。但是我指的是很深的感情。我指的是还没有落到纸上的计划。我所要指出的是,真爱的一个表象是你的思想和对未来的准备都是根植于"我们要一起做"这个基础之上的。或许,你还没有问过那个女孩。或者你还不确定你的男朋友是否会求婚。但是,在你的心里,你的计划已经包括了对方。你看!

当爱出现的时候,你所有的计划,无论是要做护士,或者做空姐,或者新闻专栏作家,突然像新娘的第一块饼干那样,都改变了。当一位年轻女士把自己想象成家里的女王,尽管只是很小的女王的时候,现在的计划一夜之间就会完全改变。

How To Tell If You're In Love – 10 Tests For True LoveWilliam W. Orr

Test Number Nine

Do Your Present Plans...

What are you going to do today? Tonight? Tomorrow? Our present test is ...do your present plans center in him? You see, love being the quality it is, it takes in the whole man or the whole woman. You just don't seem to do things by yourself any more when you're in love. There's always the question of what is he going to do, or what is she going to do? Let me explain.

Everybody plans for things. You have your school, your job, your church activities, your social obligations, and all of these demand a portion of your time. As a matter of fact, in these busy days we must budget our time, allowing just so much for each factor. Everyone is forced to be a planner of sorts.

But when you're in love all of this is affected. If you're going to go to school, the place and time could be determined by what that special person will do. The job that you take is often determined by where he works or she works. Even the church that you attend and the minister to whom you listen might be selected on the basis of whether or not that certain someone goes there.

Now I'm not condemning any of this. I'm just stating that this is a quality of love. When you're in love all of your planning comes under the scrutiny of your lover's plans. You just can't help it. Your heart won't let you. The object of your affection seems to be sort of a center pole around which your life automatically revolves, and perhaps, that's a good thing as it should be.

As a matter of fact sometimes your plans undergo radical changes. It has been known that giddy girls without a serious thought in their pretty heads have suddenly found domestic life of paramount interest. They have been known to go to their mothers with the unheard-of request of being taught how to cook, simply because a certain young man is rather fond of eating. Others have sat at Grandma's knee to learn how to knit or sew because somewhere in the romantic conversation the fellow let slip the idea that he likes the old-fashioned type of girl who can sew.

... Center in Him?

This thing affects boys as well; don't think it doesn't Perhaps the change could be not so abrupt, but change there will be, nevertheless. Many a young man who has been interested only in outboard motors and hotrods suddenly becomes conscious that little vine covered bungalows are rather nice after all. Lots of fellows whose plans had been revolving around carburetors, drawing boards and automatic machinery suddenly find real interest in jewelry store windows or furniture salesrooms. Strange, isn't it?

Let's put it this way. It could be a sign of love if you just can't seem to successfully plan on a singular basis. If all your arrangements are in the plural, if you find yourself constantly saying "we" instead of "I," if you're continually seeing double,...then this is a good indication that you have been struck by the real thing.

Don't think that this is anything out of line. Away back in the beginning God planned it this way, and you'll remember that the Bible points out that two would become one, and that one should think in terms of two. Sometimes the two even turn into three, four, five or six. I might also add that sometimes this matter of thinking double is not too openly expressed.

There are some fellows who think they'd rather be dead than let anyone know they're even remotely interested in nursery furniture. But I'm talking about deep-down feelings. I'm talking about plans as yet not worked out on paper. The point that I'm making is, that one of the marks of truly being in love is that your thinking and preparation for the future is all on the basis of "we'll be doing it together." It might be that you're not even sure he's going to propose, but nevertheless, as far as your heart is concerned, your plans certainly include that certain person. Do you see?

Others who have carefully planned a nursing career or a highflying job as an airline hostess or a newspaper columnist have suddenly had all these fall as flat as a bride's first biscuit when love stepped into the picture. Present plans have changed almost over night, as the young lady has had a picture of herself as queen of her own home, even though it's just a wee little one.

I don't suppose you've thought of your relation to the Lord under this head. But it's true, nevertheless. You see I am really not speaking about the matter of becoming a Christian. I am presuming all along that you are a truly saved person. I am a real born-again child of God by faith in Jesus Christ. What I am anxious about now is the intensity and extent of your love for Him.

I don't need to tell you that the world is filled with Christian people whose love for Christ is pitifully small. They are saved all right, but they have never grown in grace. They would be horrified if you were to suggest that they were heathen, and yet their daily lives would scarcely indicate that they are any different from the rank and file of the person outside of Christ. What is wrong with them?

Their love for Christ has never grown. They have really never come to know Him as the Altogether Lovely One and the most Chief of Ten Thousand, and many of them are tragically unaware of this deplorable condition. Hence the necessity is for a definite, personal examination of the relationship of their heart to Christ.

Take this test, for instance. If you are truly fond of Christ, then day by day your plans will center in Him. You will not attempt to plot out your life by yourself. Your every action will be colored by the thought of whether or not He approves. The job you will take, the school that you will attend, your social contacts and certainly your church life will be all scrutinized under the principle of whether or not He approves.

There may be many things which were not a part of your life before in any manner, but which now loom very large; for instance, your aims and ambitions are altered. You are going to lay up treasure in Heaven, rather than on earth. The goal of your life is not now fame or worldly approbation, but that heavenly "well done." Ask yourself the question then: Is Christ in the dead center of my daily planning? I trust so.

There is no one more capable than He. I mean in the matter of your planning. In the beginning He planned this whole universe and it's a tender and delightful secret that long before you were born the Son of God planned your life. You can quite well afford to seek His aid in planning for today...and tomorrow.