



A Love Prescription

- *Ephesians 5: 1-21*

**¹ Follow God's
example, therefore, as dearly
loved children ² and walk in
the way of love, just as Christ
loved us and gave himself up
for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.**

³ But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. ⁴ Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. ⁵ For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person — such a person is an idolater — has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

1² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. 1³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light.

14 This is why it is said:

**“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on
you.”**

15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**21 Submit to one
another out of reverence
for Christ.**

Prescriptions of Love

- 1. Be Imitators**
- 2. Live a Life of Love**
- 3. Don't Be Deceived by Empty Words**
- 4. Be wise**
- 5. Be filled with the Spirit**
- 6. Speak Life into others**
- 7. Give Thanks**
- 8. Submit to One Another**

1. Be Imitators V. 1 – Imitate Christ

2. Live a Life of Love V. 2

3 Kinds of Love

1.Eros Love

How to Know if You're in Love

This is need love. It is based upon physical attraction and fulfillment. This love is necessary for marriage to succeed; however, marriage cannot be sustained by eros alone.

2. Phileo Love

This is friendship love. The Bible uses the word “companionship” several times in describing what a marriage relationship is. Phileo love means reciprocal sharing of time, activities, the home, hobbies, games, and other objects of common fellowship.

3. Agape Love

This is a giving love. This can be unilateral in that one loves even when the other doesn't respond as expected. It is self-giving in meeting real needs of the other with the purpose of helping the person to become a better, more mature individual. Agape love takes the initiative and energizes the other two kinds of love.

Hollywood's Steps for Lasting Relationships:

1. **FIND** the right person.

2. **FALL** in love.

3. **FIX** your hopes and dreams on this person for your future fulfillment.

4. If **FAILURE** occurs, repeat steps 1, 2, and 3.

God's Steps for Lasting Relationships:

1. BECOME the right person.

2. WALK in love.

3. FIX your hope on God and seek to please Him through this relationship.

4. If FAILURE occurs, repeat steps 1, 2, and 3.

3. Don't Be Deceived by Empty Words

v. 6 –

Words that have look full but are

empty!

4. Be Wise v. 15 –

The Application of Godly Knowledge!!!!

**The application of the list only
works for ugly people!!!**

5. Be Filled with the Spirit v. 18 -

**Don't be drunk on wine, but be drunk
on Jesus!**

6. Speak Life into others! V. 19 –

**When we are filled with Jesus we
overflow out of our own cups into the
cups of others!!!**

7. Give Thanks v. 20 –

**Always be thankful, even in the midst of
adversity!**

8. Submit to One Another v. 21 –

**The biggest key is submission not
recognition!**