

## Class Meeting 4

### Chapter 6 – Love Language #3: Receiving Gifts



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**For some people, what makes them feel most loved is to receive a gift.**

Gifts don't have to be expensive to send a powerful message of love. Spouses who forget a birthday or anniversary or who never give gifts to someone who truly enjoys gift giving will find themselves with a spouse who feels neglected and unloved.

1. What makes receiving a gift so special? How does it become an expression of love between two people?
2. If your spouse's primary love language is receiving gifts, what beginning steps can you take to become a proficient gift giver?
3. What is the key to becoming an effective gift giver? In what ways might gifts be both an immediate and lasting investment in one's marital relationship?
4. Describe the gift of self. How does the power of presence become a symbol of love?
5. Discuss Dr. Chapman's excellent suggestions for filling your spouse's "love tank" with gifts. Which ones appear to be a good fit for your spouse?

### Chapter 7 – Love Language #4: Acts of Service



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**For these people, actions speak louder than words.**

Discovering how you can best do something for your spouse will require time and creativity. These acts of service like vacuuming, hanging a bird feeder, planting a garden, etc., need to be done with joy in order to be perceived as a gift of love.

1. Explain how acts of service function as a love language. Why do acts of service qualify as expressions of love?
2. Dr. Chapman draws three truths from his illustration of Mark and Mary's relationship. Discuss each truth and what we may learn from each.
3. Should acts of service become acts of manipulation, they are no longer acts of love. To prevent such occurrences, what does learning the love language of acts of service require of us? What should be our response if our spouse's primary love language asks something of us that seems inappropriate to our role?
4. Dr. Chapman lists some creative ideas we can exercise to embrace our spouse's love language of acts of service. Briefly discuss these. If your spouse's love language is acts of service, which ones would you consider using?