LOVE DEFINITIONS

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love.

Corinthians

Love has four great ingredients: (1) Service; where one is willing to work for and give of one's self for those whom they love. (2) Responsibility; where one constantly evaluates the consequences of their behavior as it relates to others and is there to help them when needed. (3) Respect; where one does not use the other for their own personal satisfaction. (4) Understanding; where one always tries to place their self in the shoes of the other.

Erich Fromm

Love is a warm and wonderful encounter with the essence of living. Love is not a path. It's merely a sharing. Love is a learned, emotional reaction. A person grows in love. Love cannot be captured. There is always room for growth in love. Love is patient and does not rush into things. Love is active not passive. Love is not sex, but sexual intimacy is always a part of [adult, mature] love. Love is a most special bond of two human beings that nothing could break.

Leo Buscaglia

Love is a deep emotional involvement in another. Love is unconditional; it is freely given with no strings attached. It loves another for who they are. Love is supportive. It is always being there for the other. Love is reciprocal. It means that you love the other as much as you love yourself. Love enables each person to bring out the best gifts and qualities of the other.

Ashley Montagu

Love is not just feeling and passion. Love is a system of attitudes and a series of acts which enhance growth and life for both lover and beloved. Romantic love is blind for it acknowledges the strength, but does not see the weaknesses in the beloved. In contrast, mature love accepts the strength without rejecting the weakness. In mature love neither try to exploit nor possess the other. Each belongs to their own self. Such love gives the freedom to unfold and to become one's best self. Such love is also a commitment to stay in the relationship and attempt to work out difficulties even in time of anger and agony. Love and sex are not the same, but the wise learn to combine them.

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