Knowing Each Other



What are we going to talk about?

- Personality Types
- Love Languages
- Families of Origin



What are today's goals?

- 1. To ensure understanding
- 2. To create/cultivate self-awareness
- 3. To organize and strengthen your relationship
- 4. To look ahead to communication



Personality Types





What are some personality types?

- Analysts
- Diplomats
- Sentinels
- Explorers





Analysts









Diplomats









PROTAGONIST



CAMPAIGNER

Sentinels









Explorers









Let's discuss...

- 1. Which personality type do you think you are?
- 2. Which personality type do you think your significant other is?
- 3. Why do you think knowing/understanding your personality types is important?



"Homework" Time!

- 1. Go to <u>l6personalities.com</u> and take the personality quiz!
- 2. Write down your personality type.
- 3. Read the profile and find:
 - o 3 strengths
 - o 3 weaknesses
 - 3 facts about the impact of your personality type on romantic relationships

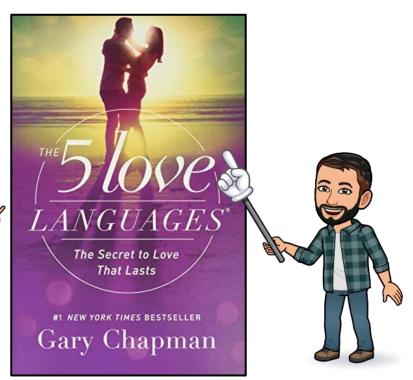
Love Languages



What are the love languages?

- Words of Affirmation
- Quality Time
- Physical Touch
- Acts of Service
- Receiving Gifts





Words of Affirmation



COMMUNICATE

encourage

affirm

appreciate

listen actively

ACT

unexpected notes/texts/cards

AVOID

non-constructive criticism

not recognizing/ appreciating effort



COMMUNICATE

uninterrupted/ focused conversations

one-on-one time

ACT

create special moments

take walks

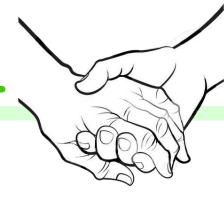
weekend getaways

AVOID

distractions when together

long stints without one-on-one time

Physical Touch



COMMUNICATE

non-verbal body language and touch

ACT

hug

kiss

hold hands

cuddle

AVOID

physical abuse/neglect

receiving physical affection coldly



COMMUNICATE

action phrases
expressing a desire
to help/lighten the
load
reassurance of
partnership

ACT

make a meal

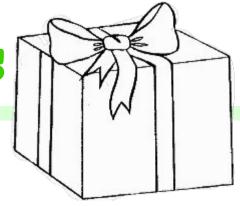
go out of the way to assist with daily chores

AVOID

making the requests of others higher priority

lacking to follow-through

Receiving Gifts



COMMUNICATE

thoughtfulness

make your significant other a priority

speak purposefully

ACT

thoughtful gifts and gestures

express gratitude when receiving a gift

AVOID

forgetting special occasions

unenthusiastic gift giving

Let's discuss...

- l. What is your love language?
- 2. What is your significant other's love language?
- 3. In what way has your significant other filled your "love tank?"
- 4. What is one way that you could fill your significant other's "love tank?"



Family of Origin



Family of Origin:

(n.) the family one grew up in; the place that people typically learn to become who they are



Why does it matter?

- Key to understanding why you do what you do
- Knowing your significant other's background is essential to knowing one another
- Past experiences (positive or negative) and learned behaviors fuel our present feelings/emotions
- Identifying the connection between a past painful event/situation can help to develop a new and healthy responses

What are some "red flags?"

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

PRIDE

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

GAMBLING

WORKAHOLICS

ANGRY OUTBURSTS

SEXUAL ADDICTIONS

ALCOHOLISM

PHYSICAL ABUSE

VERBAL ABUSE

PROCRASTINATION

EXCESSIVE TALKING







AVOIDANCE

UNFAITHFULNESS

SEXUAL ABUSE

REBELLION

RACISM

EXCESSIVE SPENDING

CRITICALLY SPIRITED

TELEVISION/COMPUTER
ADDICTIONS

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How can you break the cycle?

- 1. Recognize the tendency in your own life.
- 2. Take responsibility and admit it.
- 3. Forgive your parents (or guardians) for their iniquity.
- 4. Ask God to help you change.
- 5. Find someone who will keep you accountable.



Couples Assignment

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Individual Reflection

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Let's discuss...

- l. What is your family of origin like?
- 2. What are some things you learned from your family of origin that you would like to continue?
- 3. Is there anything you learned from your family of origin that you would like to change/eliminate?
- 4. As a couple, decide on one word you want to use to describe your "family of destination."

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