

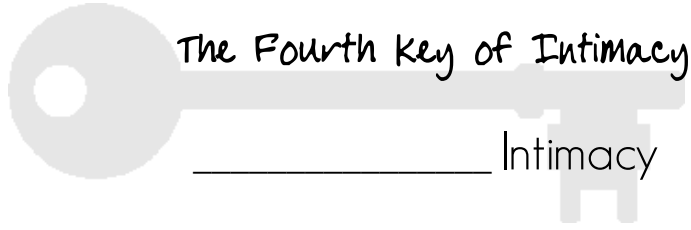
Principles for Keeping Love Alive

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7 Keys to Intimacy

mentally	emotionally	sexually
physically	relationally	financially
spiritually		



The Fourth Key of Intimacy

_____ Intimacy

5 Principles to Keeping Love Alive

1. Love is kept alive by _____ what we _____ and _____ we _____ it.

1 Corinthians 13:1--If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

Matthew 12:36, 37--But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

Ephesians 4:15--Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is Christ.

See also Proverbs 10:11; 10:20; 12:18; 15:4; 16:21.

☛ Love is a _____ and we can _____ to love with our _____.

2. Love is kept alive by _____ enough to _____.

☛ We need to practice _____ listening:
>> _____
>> _____ language
>> _____ recognition

3. Love is kept alive when two people _____ they don't always have to be _____.

1 Corinthians 13:2 (Phillips)--If I have the gift of foretelling the future and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but the very secrets of God, and if I also have the absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.

4. Love is kept alive by _____.

1 Corinthians 13:4--Love is patient...

Proverbs 14:29--He who is slow to anger has great understanding but he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

Proverbs 15:18--A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, but the slow to anger (patient) pacifies contention.

Proverbs 16:32--He who is slow to anger (patient) is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.

☛ Love is not _____, it is _____.

5. Love is kept alive in an atmosphere of _____ and _____ reinforcement.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (Phillips)--...look for a way to be constructive.

☛ Love does not _____ down, it builds _____.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Why is being on the same page spiritually so important?
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. Being one in spirit leads to greater intimacy. What happens when there is a lack of spiritual commitment by one or the other? In what ways does it erode oneness and closeness?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.