

LOVE LIKE SUPER GLUE!

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John Van Epp in his book, How Not To Marry A Jerk states, "If attachment is the glue in relationships, then an accelerated attachment is like super glue. It activates a willingness to overlook and minimize obvious problems, it blinds your vision, and it intoxicates your emotions and hormones so that you feel safe and secure in this newfound love". How true this is, in the early stages of romance! However, the reason for our intoxication changes as the relationship grows. As our love grows for one another, our attachment is based more on **love in action** than on **chemicals reacting**. At the onset of falling in love, we are propelled forward in our passionate pursuit of each other. This chemical reaction is assaulted as we begin to see the reality of how our humanness interacts, and as we face the demands and stress of responsibility.

Astoundingly, all forms of **love** can grow to epic proportions and can affect those around us for a lifetime! **Love** grows when we are *intentionally* patient, kind, selfless, forgiving, and persevering for the sake of the potential we see in the other person. Attachment occurs as we invest ourselves in loving the heart of another! The bond of romantic love surpasses the love we have for our friends, our children, our siblings, and our parents. It can be history in the making!

In a society where the divorce rate is still hovering at 50/50, love can be a source of disillusionment. We never grow out of our need for giving and receiving love! It is paramount to our existence if we are to avoid having a heart of stone! A heart that is unloved cannot love another! Obstacles can throttle us as we embrace the battle for our heart & consider our own ability to love!

Gentleman, you will face challenges in this epic battle for your heart! As you contemplate sacrificing yourself for another, you will find yourself questioning your own ability to love, to lead and to be the man that overcomes his fear of disrespect, disapproval & worst of all, abandonment. To win this battle, you must love with selflessness, tenderness and above all purposeful **pursuit** of your lady. In doing this, you will dramatically increase the love that you receive from her!!

Ladies, we have a deep desire to know that we are worthy of the pursuit! As we contemplate giving our heart to a man, we are assaulted with fears of rejection, or lacking in beauty, and fear of risking vulnerability, again! As we face disappointed expectations we attempt to soothe our fears by increasing our control. We may lose some of our softness as we react to the passivity that we perceive in the men that we love. Our hearts truly long to be tender and soft towards those we love! Much can be mended with **tenderness** for it is the universal language of love to every man!

This Valentine's Day, seek the Super-Glue effect that true love can have!! Ladies & gentleman, there are no picture perfect people! So, as we purge our hearts of self-serving preoccupation and begin to put LOVE into action, we move beyond the chemical reaction into a true grit, history making LOVE! **Turn the epic battle for your heart into a love that is history in the making & worth celebrating!**

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