



WHAT
HAPPY
COUPLES
KNOW

IT'S MUTUAL

HOPES * DREAMS * DESIRES



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MY HOPES * MY DREAMS * MY DESIRES

*I daydreamed about the **perfect person** for **me**.*

*I never daydreamed about **being perfect** for ...*

*“My **HDD Box** will be **perfect** for **our future**”.*

*When my **HDDs** are **unveiled** they ...*

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FEEL LIKE MY EXPECTATIONS



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MY HDD * MY EXPECTATIONS

... creates a *debt-debtor* relationship.

... "I *owe* you" eliminates *appreciation*.

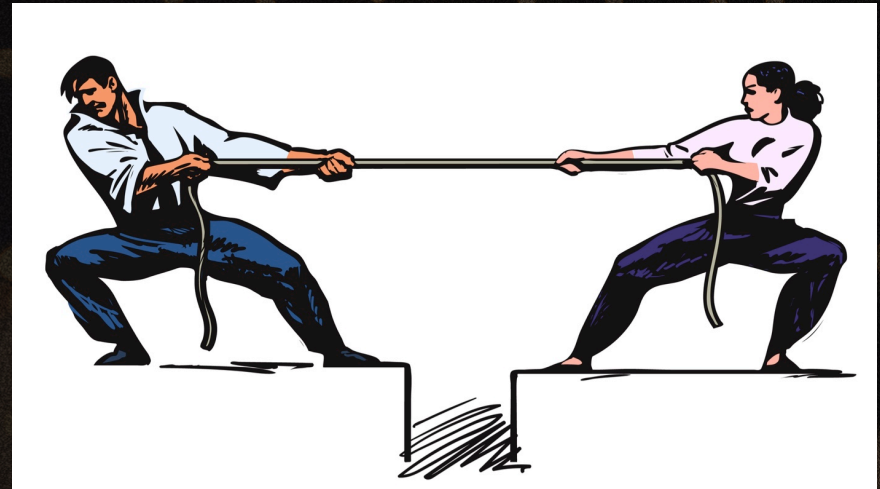
... "I *owe* you" eliminates *gratitude*.

... "I *owe* you" eliminates "I *love* you".

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WHEN **OUR** EXPECTATIONS (**I'S**) COLLIDE

1. We **leave**.
2. We **win**.
3. We **conform**.
4. We **compromise**.
5. Today a **Better Way**.



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What does he/she owe me?

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*What does he/she **owe** me?*

Nothing!

*Happy couples know
they **owe** each other **everything**
but are **owed nothing** in return.*

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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS ARE NOT

... built on some *Code of Conduct*.

... built on *negotiating and compromise*.

... built on a *commitment to a commitment*.

... built on *winning or conforming*.

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*Healthy relationships are a
submission competition!*

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NEW COMMANDMENT (LOVE LAW)

*"A new command I give you;
Love one another.*

John 13: 34 NIV

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*“A new command I give you;
Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.*

John 13: 34 NIV

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What would love require of me?

Platinum Rule

*When you're **not sure** what to **say** or **do**,
you just **love like** God,
through Christ (**Jesus**), **loved** you.*

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PAUL'S LOVE LAW APPLICATION

*Submit to one another
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Ephesians 5: 21-22 NIV

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*Wives, submit yourselves
to your own husbands
as you do to the Lord.*

Ephesians 5: 21-22 NIV

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Mutual Submission

Mutuality = Equality

Guess who introduced equality?

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*Husbands, **love** your wives,
just as Christ (Jesus) **loved** the church
and **gave himself** up for her.*

*In this **same way**,
husbands ought to **love**
their wives **as their own** bodies.
He who loves his **wife** loves **himself**.*

Ephesians 5: 25 & 28 NIV

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Men: What is **life** to you?

Put **her** before that!

Treat **her** like you treat **yourself**!

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HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

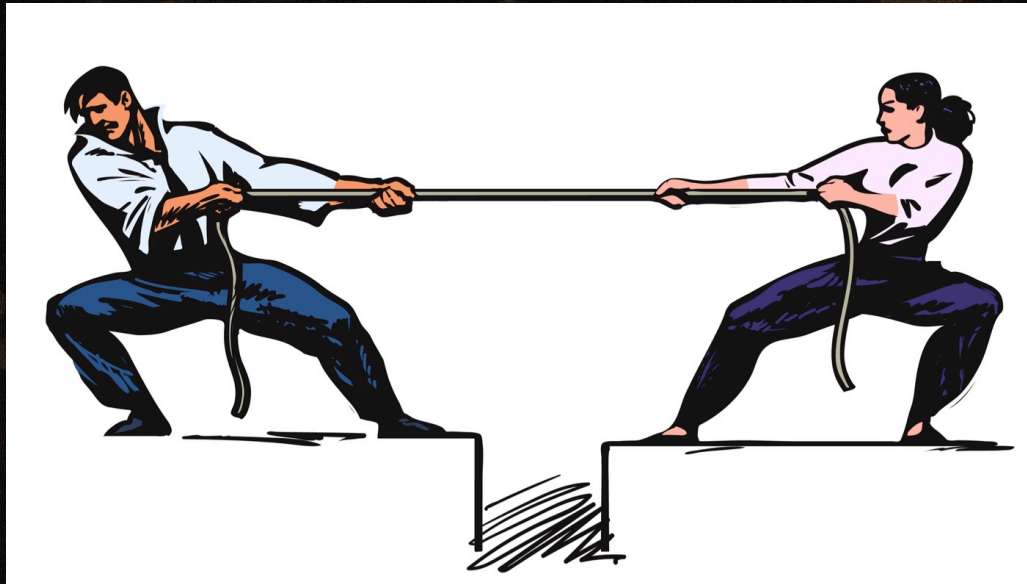
What's in **your** HDD box?

Stop talking.



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5. Mutual Submission



*There is **no hope** till you **let go!***

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