



WHAT
HAPPY
COUPLES
KNOW

NOTHING



*We don't want to **work on it.***
*We just want it **to work!***

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WHAT IS IN YOUR BOX?

- Money (Budget): *Mine & Yours (Debt)?*
- House, Car, Family, Kid(s): *Team Size?*
- Schedule & Calendar: *Time Together?*
- Travel : *Far (Global) or Near (Home)?*
- Conflict Resolution: *Blow up or Bottle up?*
- Treat Each Other: *What do we expect?*

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What we've **seen** and **heard**.

What we've **experienced**!

We either **avoid** or **recreate**.

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MY EXPECTATIONS



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WHEN I' S COLLIDE ...

1. We leave.

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1. We leave.
2. We **win**.

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1. We leave.
2. We **win** by leveraging the **4 Cs**.
(**C**onvince, **C**onvict, **C**ontrol & **C**oerce)

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WHEN I' S COLLIDE ...

1. We leave.
2. We win.
3. We conform.

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WHEN I' S COLLIDE ...

1. We leave.
2. We win.
3. We conform.
4. We **compromise.**

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EXPECTATIONS ...

... *create a debt-debtor relationship.*

... *remove the space for unconditional love.*

... *undermines intimacy and romance.*

... *“owe you” eliminates “love you”*

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*What do they **owe** you?*

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*What do they **owe** you?*

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

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

John 13: 34-35a NIV

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Love Law

Horizontal Faith

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*Follow God's example (Jesus),
therefore, as dearly beloved children
and walk in the way of love
just as Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.*

Ephesians 5: 1-2 NIV



Submission Competition!

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TWO QUESTIONS?



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