



Edification Complex of the Soul: Unconditional & Personal Love Compared; Challenge Management, 1 Cor 10:13; Momentum Testing: Sin Nature, People

- (15) Virtue is found in unconditional love since the maintenance of the relationship depends on the integrity of the subject. A comparison between these two categories of love is shown on this chart:

Unconditional and Personal Love

I love you
(subject) (Transitive verb) (Object)

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE	PERSONAL LOVE
Emphasizes subject	Emphasizes object
Demands integrity in subject	Demands attractiveness in object
Requires no personal acquaintance	Requires personal acquaintance
Directed toward all	Directed toward few
Unconditional	Conditional
Virtue	Virtue dependent
Strong	Vulnerable
Stable	Volatile
Variables under control	Uncontrollable variables
Depends on Bible doctrine	Depends on impersonal love
Problem solver	Problem maker
Mandatory	Optional

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- (16) The principle of separation comes into view in unconditional love. The issue is not so much separation *from* others and the devil's world but separation *unto* God.
- (17) The ability to separate is also beneficial in the management of momentum testing.
- (18) There are several challenges to the spiritual life of the believer where failure can cause his momentum to be slowed or halted and prolonged failure leads to reversionism.
- (19) God has given us the artillery of thought that we need to manage these challenges which are common to man. In the Christian marriage there is no circumstance—testing for blessing or temptation to sin—that with doctrine the husband and wife cannot endure or overcome in the status quo of spirituality:



1 Corinthians 10:13 - There is no testing/temptation [πειρασμός, *peirasmos*: to examine for the purpose of approval, i.e., providential preventive suffering, momentum testing, & evidence testing / allurements from the sinful nature, the world, & the devil] that has overtaken [ὑπερβάνω, *lambanō*] you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be challenged [πειράζω, *peirazō*] beyond which you are able [*dunamai*: have the power or capacity to withstand], but with the challenge [*peirasmos*] will provide a way of escape also, that you may be able [*dunamai*: have the power or capacity] to endure it [**the problem-solving devices that endures testing & overcomes temptations**].

- (20) During the course of a marriage there are times of prosperity and times of adversity. There are times of illness and times of good health. There are good times and there are bad dependent upon a multiplicity of circumstances. The duty of the husband is to comfort the wife during her down times and it is the duty of the wife to comfort the husband during his.
- (21) These challenges include the various categories associated with momentum testing:
- (22) **The Sin Nature Test.** The sinful nature is the source of temptation but volition is the source of sin. The sinful nature can only dominate the soul when volition grants it access.
- (23) The sin nature is Lucifer's fifth column in the body and functions on his behalf in the satanic campaign to neutralize the believer's spiritual advance.
- (24) Failure of the sin nature test is resolved by rebound: confession alone to God alone (1 John 1:9).
- (25) **People Testing.** "All have sinned a fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), therefore unless the believer is willing to submit to a biblical system of adjustment to the failures of others then he will react and become frustrated, angry, and bitter.
- (26) The solution to people testing is unconditional love:

Ephesians 4:31 - Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, brawling, and slander be put away from you [**rebound**], along with all evil.

v. 32 - And be gracious to one another, compassionate, constantly forgiving one another just as also God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.