

A Demonstration of Love

The young woman was married and had two beautiful children.

One day, however, she was standing over the sink washing dishes, and thinking about her situation. "There must be more to life than this," she thought.

When her husband came home, he found a note she had written, and he wept. She informed him she was leaving, but that she would call him once every week to check on the children.

She kept her promise. With each call, the husband would always tell her of his love for her, and beg her to come home. She would answer no, and hang up.

Finally, desperate to be reunited with his wife, the husband hired a private investigator to find her. Once he had her whereabouts, the husband went to the apartment where she was staying, nervously holding flowers as he stood at the door.

He had rehearsed repeatedly what he would say, and finally got up the nerve to knock on the door.



When she opened it, and saw him standing there, he started to speak. Before the words could come out, she began to weep and fell into his arms. Through her tears, she said, "Let's go home."

Months later, well into the healing process, he finally asked her something that had been haunting him: "All those times I talked to you on the phone, I asked you to come back, and you refused. Why did you finally choose to return?"

"Before," she said, "you were just telling me that you loved me. When you came, you showed me."

The lesson? Actions speak louder than words.

It's one thing to tell our spouses, our neighbors, our friends that we care about them. It's quite another to prove it.

We are blessed in the career we have chosen. People come to us broken in health and, often, in spirit. Sometimes, they feel abandoned by those they love – either through death or other circumstances.

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We say we love our work and those entrusted to us. The beauty of our situation is that we have the opportunity to show them – with our professional skills, by our hugs, by our smiles, by our encouraging words.

In the spiritual realm, God didn't just say He loved us; He came in the form of His Son, Jesus, to show us.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter