

Love Adds the Chocolate

Love is an intriguing subject, because all of us are hungry for it. Although volumes of books and magazine articles are written about love each year, every person has his or her own definition of what true love is, based on personal experience, or lack of it.

One of the most interesting articles about the practical impact of love on various situations is written by James S. Hewett, author and editor. Here it is:

A house is a house is a house – until love comes through the door. And love intuitively goes around sprinkling that special brand of angel dust that transforms a house into a very special home for very special people: your family.

Money, of course, can build a charming house, but only love can furnish it with a feeling of home.

Duty can pack an adequate sack lunch, but love may decide to hide a little love note inside.

Money can provide a television set, but love controls it and cares enough to say no (to children) and take the guff that comes with it.



Obligation sends the children to bed on time, but love tucks the covers in around their necks and passes out kisses and hugs (even to teenagers).

Obligation can cook a meal, but love embellishes the table with a potted ivy trailing around slender candles.

Duty writes many letters, but love encloses a joke or a picture or a fresh stick of gum.

Compulsion keeps a sparkling house, but love and prayer stand a better chance of producing a happy family.

Duty gets offended quickly if it isn't appreciated, but love learns to laugh a lot and to work for the sheer joy of doing it.

Obligation can pour a glass of milk, but often love will add a little chocolate.

Hewett's observations certainly portray love in action. But that theme is everyday business to associates in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, where job descriptions outline their professional responsibilities, but love brings smiles and comfort to those they serve.

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