

Apply Principles 4 & 5:

Choose & Use Every Opportunity for Love

THE WAY is to "practice" wise, agape-centered decision-making. Why? So it becomes your basic character, even when you're not thinking about it.

APPLY agape principles in every little "moment", not just when you have to make some "big" decision. It's extremely important to apply the "way of agape" principles in tense personal relationship situations, especially communication.

SUCCESS is any moment when your motive, attitude, & actions were those of humble, compassionate love. No, not "perfection" in this earthly realm, just the simple success of growing in the "way of Agape".
* Loving others as you naturally care about yourself.

FAILURE to let "pure" agape-love live & give through you at any moment, provides you the opportunity to humbly seek forgiveness, & to heal any unnecessary hurt you may have caused. Don't say "if I hurt you". Say, "Please forgive me for failing to live love in that moment". Never let a "failure" go to waste.

THE GOAL is for compassionate agape to become the obvious character of your personality. Agape can become the central quality of who you are. Instead of trying to be smart, rich, powerful, or attractive - choose to become known as a person of Humble, Compassionate LOVE for all "others". Remember that "others" means any thinking, feeling, sentient being that's impacted by your life choices (humans, sentient animals, & even your "enemies").

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(= *Humble unselfish compassion*)



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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

ALL ROOTED IN AGAPE-LOVE

1. ESTABLISH A MOTIVE OF LOVE

- * Agape-Love humbly, compassionately meets the NEEDS of others, even your "enemies".
- * "Needs" are not the same as "wants".
- * It's willing to deny self's "wants" in order to meet the basic "needs" of others.

2. REJECT ANTI-LOVE CHOICES

- * Anti-love chooses to please or protect self even when it neglects, or harms others unnecessarily.
- * Anti-love chooses your "wants". when you could actually meet the "needs" of others.
- * Both are selfishness, which is what "sin" is.

3. COMPARE POSSIBLE GOOD CHOICES

- * Compare possible agape choices based on advice from expert sources on the issue:
 - financial experts, health experts, relationship experts, etc.
- * Most decisions involve many types of connected issues & possible choices.

4. THEN CHOOSE YOUR HEART'S DESIRE

- * Narrow your choices down to those that are "good" (that fit principles of agape-love).
- * If 2 or more choices are all "good" (loving), then just choose the one you "prefer".

5. USE OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE

- * Apply love as you act on your decision.
- * Adapt decisions as situations change.
- * Enjoy love's fruit - inner peace & joy.

APPLY PRINCIPLES 1 & 2

DISCERN (LOVE VS. ANTI-LOVE)

BEWARE: People & pressures cannot push you to react with **Anti-Love**. When you're pressed & "JUNK" comes out of you, it's because you were already "full of it". Nobody forces you to be a "jerk". That's on you.

AGAPE-LOVE is NOT emotions like, "I love cookies" or "I love hiking", etc. Agape-love is a **decision** of active concern & compassion for others' needs. Deep down all decisions involve the inner conflict of Agape-love VS. Anti-love. That's obvious when it comes to relationship issues. Yet, this tension of "love vs. selfishness" is also a part of basic decisions like: what car to buy, which school, degree, job, or career to pursue, etc. All decisions are inseparably connected to the lives of other sentient souls (humans & animals). Agape-love chooses to "**live-simply**", so that others can "**simply-live**" (have their basic "needs" met).

Obvious Example: I need a new car. Should I buy the most expensive car I "want"? Or should I simply get a car to meet my actual "needs", & then use the extra \$\$ to help others who are in greater need?

Self-Evaluation: My partner says something really hurtful — Am I loving, IF I protect & please "myself" by lashing out with an insult or a hateful look? Do my tone & facial expressions show obviously love? Is my motive & attitude seeking to love or to "win"?

Love Listens: Agape patiently asks questions to understand the person's heart accurately. Love is willing to adapt to meet the true "needs" of others. But not always to meet everyone's "wants" & "desires".

APPLY PRINCIPLE 3

COMPARE LOVE CHOICES

It helps to make a simple, practical . . .

COMPARING DECISION-CHOICES CHART:

<u>DECISION-A</u>	<u>DECISION-B</u>	<u>DECISION-C</u>
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-	-	-
- Etc	- Etc	- Etc

PRINCIPLE 3 reminds you that any possible decision you make will have many types of interconnected smaller sub-choices. So, use your chart to compare specific decisions & choices you could make for a particular situation. Write down how various aspects of each of your possible choices could impact or influence the results it could cause in your life and the lives of others.

REMEMBER, parts of your possible decisions which could impact yourself & others might include (finances, physical condition & health, mental & emotional condition & health, etc.). The most important aspects are ones that would impact the psychological & physical well being of "others".

ABOVE ALL, what others "need" from you at every moment is pure unselfish compassionate love. For Christians, that kind of love is Christ's command, not a mere suggestion (Matthew 5:43-48). Good News, agape-love, drawn from the Source of Love, is the most powerful way to change even "enemies" into friends.

REMEMBER, research shows that your facial expressions, tones of voice, & body language are over 70% of what impacts those around you. Your actual "words" are only about 30% of your communication.