

Allen's Word

Valentine's Day is drawing near, so I thought it appropriate to use this editorial to speak about love. How clever of me, huh? Although, I warn you light readers, this is not a cheese fest full of loving cliché's and happy things.

Students abuse the concept of love for their own personal gratification. Love is no longer a commitment between two people who care deeply for each other.

The reason for this metamorphosis of love is that teenage couples will tell each other they love one another but don't actually mean it. The word has been overused to the extent that love has been confused with infatuation.

The cause of this, of course, is teenage girls. Oh yeah, I went there!

There seems to be a certain time frame that every woman has for when love

should begin. As if after so many weeks or months of dating you automatically are in love because you have not broken up yet. Therefore, they try to force their significant other to love them by constantly bringing up the topic in conversation or asking questions like "What do you think about love?".

This nonsensical way of thinking causes a myriad of problems that could easily be avoided.

First, if you truly feel that you are in love then why not simply tell your boyfriend. I know that you are probably afraid that you might scare him away if you dropped the "L" bomb. Honestly, expressing your love will not scare him as much as you pressuring him to express a love that he might not actually feel.

Second, if you nag at your boyfriend long enough about love then he will

Famous Poems

The Rose Family Robert Frost

The rose is a rose,
And was always a rose.
But the theory now goes
That the apple's a rose,
And the pear is, and so's
The plum, I suppose.
The dear only know
What will next prove a rose.
You, of course, are a rose--
But were always a rose.
Source: quotesandpoem.com

eventually give in. He will do this because you have trapped him. He can not break up with you because you have done nothing wrong, and he can not deny that he loves you because it will hurt your feelings. Therefore, he will give in and resent you for trying to make him feel something he is unsure about. That resentment can easily create more arguments in the relationship or quite possibly kill the relationship.

The last point,

and the most frustrating, is that most of the time the girl is not even in love but still wants to say it. That way they look like they are in love and are the most perfect couple ever. If your relationship is based on what other people think of you then you do not have a very good relationship.

In conclusion, only say love if you truly feel it. Girls, you just need to be more patient and wait until he is ready. Trust me, it will be worth it in the end.

What's Up? What does true love mean to you?



Alan Shinn, Teacher
"Never having to say you are sorry."



Maggie, Sr.
"When you trust someone completely and would do anything to see that person happy!"



Garic, Jr.
"The meaning of true love is being with someone and knowing that is the person you are to be with and knowing it is right."



Jacy, So.
"True love is very important, and means everything to me."



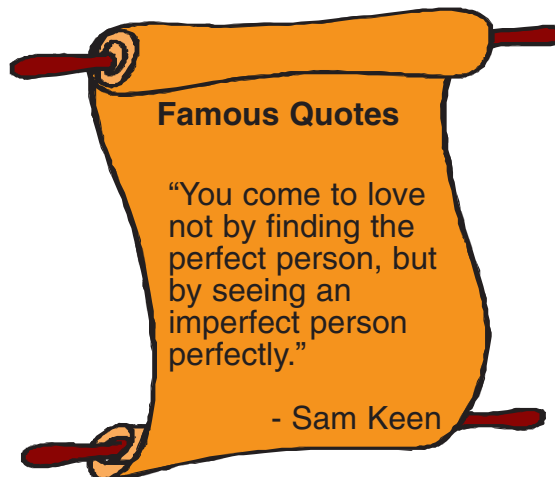
Chance, Fr.
"That you would do anything for that special person."

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- Sam Keen