

RECEIVE #5 - LIFT. Kill the Consumer. Relationship Investing. Blitzes. Sex & Secrets. Mission. Owner

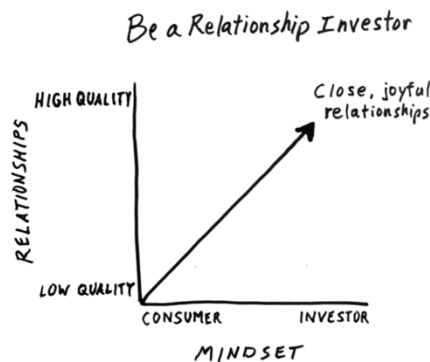
1. KILL THE CONSUMER. BE AN INVESTOR.

- “ The opposite of love isn’t hate, it’s selfishness”. -Mark Merrill
- Love desires and does what is best for another at _____.

Jeff’s paraphrase of Philippians 2.3-5

- *Don’t do anything out of pride or selfishness, Choose humility and consider other people above yourself. Don’t just look out for your own interest, but look out for the interests of others. In all your relationships, have the same humble attitude and self-sacrificing approach as Jesus, who invested himself to give us the very best long-term, and eternal, outcome.*

2. RELATIONSHIP INVESTING AS HUSBAND & DAD



1 Peter 3:7

- *In the same way (that Jesus submitted to His Father’s will and sacrificed to love us), you husbands, honor, value, and prioritize your wife’s concerns.*
- *Treat your wife with understanding as you live together (with gentleness, tact, and intelligent regard for her nature, needs and the marriage’s health).*
- *She may be physically weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God’s gift of new life.*
- *Show her honor and respect so your prayers will not be hindered or ineffective.*

Ephesians 4:2-3

1. *Live together* _____
2. *with all humility* _____
3. *and gentleness* _____
4. *with patience* _____
5. *bearing with one another in love* _____
6. *eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit* _____
7. *in the bond of peace* _____

Investor Husband Strategies

1. Love by _____
2. Lead by _____
3. Loyalty by _____

- *Free Counselor*
- *Dad Dare*

“0-10, How’s our relationship?”
 “How can I love you better?”

“What would move it closer to 10?”

3. BEATING LIFE’S BLITZES

Opportunity Attitude (Genesis 50:20)

Romans 5:1-5

- Rejoice in Peace with God and Sure Hope of His Eternal Glory
- Rejoice in Trouble → Perseverance → Character → Hope → Eternal Love

Strategies (also see *FACING THE BLITZ - 3 Strategies for Turning Trials into Triumphs. 2015*)

1. LONG TERM VIEW: for those who _____ & are _____ by His purpose (Romans 8:28)
2. HUMBLE & WILLING TO CHANGE: Purpose = to be _____ to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29)
3. FOCUS ON BLESSING OTHERS
 - John 13:34 A new command I give you...As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
 - Prov 11:25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

4. SEX, SECRECY & DIRTY BOMBS

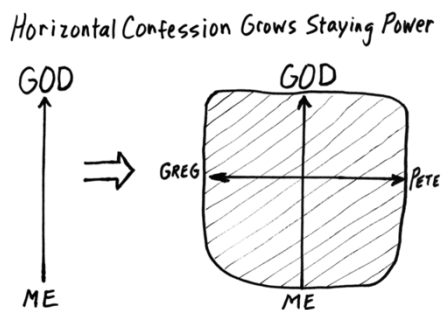
- GUILT = I DID _____. The devil's SHAME = I AM _____.
- Antidote to LYING = ALWAYS _____ on the spot.

ESSENTIALS FOR HEALING PATH (from Steve Arterburn / New Life Ministries)

1. Surrender humility
2. See it acceptance
3. Say it confession
4. Own it responsibility
5. Release it forgiveness
6. Reverse it transformation
7. Preserve it connection

Psalm 32:3-4 *When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night Your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.*

James 5:16 *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*



My First step or Next step?

5. MISSION HIMpossible

- Ambassadors for Jesus - Jeff's paraphrase of 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

When you receive Jesus Christ, the old you is gone. A new you has come because I brought you back as My son. You are forgiven, accepted and right in My eyes since I put the righteousness of Christ in you. I'm inviting the world to come back into my family and you're in this with Me. I give you a mission, a message, and a title. You're an Ambassador for Christ. Your mission is reconciliation. Your message is "God reconciles people. Please return to Him."

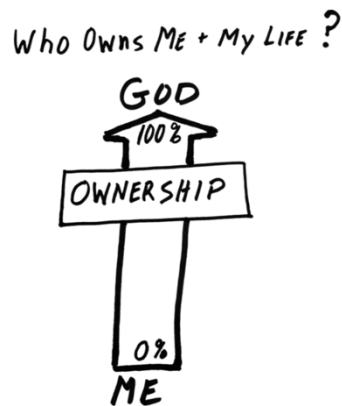
6. THE BEST OWNER

- 1 Corinthians 6:20 *God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.*
- Prov. 3:5-6 Trust God completely. Don't trust your own thinking. Prioritize Him in all your ways!

Critical Decision

- Romans 1:1-2 *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*
- Galatians 2:20 *My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by faith, trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me*
- Mark 8:34-35 *If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.*

Where is my grip the tightest?



- Title Deed

My journey as a man is _____ God provides the solution, the way and power.

- BE A RECEIVER

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What messages or forces exert the most influence on you to be a consumer in relationships?
2. Where are you an investor and where are you a consumer in relationships (if single) or marriage (if married)? How good are you at receiving your spouse as a gift from God?
3. How good are you at receiving your spouse as a gift from God?
4. Does your wife feel chosen, served and secure as your exclusive sensual treasure?
5. Talk about your attitude toward life's blitzes...do you anticipate blitzes, see opportunity or not so much?
6. Do you talk to someone you trust about sex, secrets and risk areas in your life?