



## *Searching For That Someone*



A person whose need for love and attention is not met in childhood will continue to seek to get that need met as an adult.

They will look for a mother's love in the women they know, and a father's love in the men they know.



In seeking for understanding of their pain, and looking to others for the healing of it, they regress emotionally to the age where the loss occurred.

This emotional void can be caused in many ways. Personality wounds can come from unveiled preference for another sibling, criticism in any form even if intended for good, neglect of any kind from outright physical and mental abuse to abandonment with complete lack of attention to the problems or interests of the child.



The loss of either parent will also leave a void the child will search to fill all of his or her life.

An emotionally wounded child wants someone to hold them, protect them and say kind, loving things about them and to them. As an adult, it is a deep-rooted emptiness within that is seldom spoken of. There is a tape that plays in their head, "If I could just find someone who really understands my pain and emptiness and would give me that tender love and affection I need, then I would be all right."

In seeking this kind of love from people they are often led to do and say inappropriate things and to misunderstand friendship for love.

When suffering from what we will call LDD (love deficit disorder) as children, they are often labeled as having ADD (attention deficit disorder). When suffering from it as adults they are often seen as peculiar or odd because their words and behaviors in relationships are ruled by the childlike emotions of a love-starved heart.

Children starving for food cannot play and be happy until someone feeds them. It is no different with love-starved children living in an adult body.

The public is quick to recognize and feed a starving child, but it seldom recognizes a love-starved child – especially in an adult body. If it is recognized, it is looked upon as a childish weakness that the person needs to overcome and grow up.

In our immoral, violent society today, love is almost constantly portrayed as a sexual relationship. Love starved women and men are the most vulnerable to enter into sexual relationships, hoping to fill that awful void inside of them, only to find they have been violated, used and discarded. This furthers their desperate need for gentle affection and understanding and deepens the void within.

Unfortunately, in our permissive society, the perversion of sexual relations that can result from the search for that someone can lead women into lesbianism and men into homosexuality both of which are contrary to God's creation. God designed a man and a woman to be able to create children for His kingdom.

Psalm 127:3 *"Behold, children are a heritage (possession) of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward."* There is only one place to find that understanding love and acceptance that will fill the aching void within and bring closure to childlike emotions. To find that place a person has to go to the source of all love, the heart of God, our Father who created us and will never let us go.



Psalm 139:13,14 *"For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."*

His love is there in its fullness for anyone who will receive it through His Son, Jesus Christ who is the fountainhead of the goodness and mercy of God's love that is never held back and continues to flow forever.

When we go into a relationship looking to receive love, not realizing that we must bring God's love into it with us to lay the foundation for the relationship, it will fail. True love is a response to the love and goodness of God in you, and your response to His love in the other person, that can bring closure to the empty void within. This is the same whether it is your relationship with a man, or your relationship with God without a man in your life.



As long as we keep searching for that someone instead of receiving the all-satisfying beauty of the love of God first, we won't ever fill that void and find the peace and joy of loving and being loved.

1 John 4:7,8 *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God: and everyone that loves is born of God, and knows God."*



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(The answer to this question will be your memory verse)

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2. In our society today how is love almost always portrayed?

As a sexual relationship.

3. What perversion of sexual relationships can result from that search for someone?

Lesbianism and homosexuality.

4. Why is this contrary to God's creation?

God designed a man and a woman to be able to create children.

5. Where does a person have to go to find understanding love and acceptance?

To the source of all love, the heart of God.

6. How do we receive this love?

Through His Son Jesus Christ.

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God's love to lay the foundation for it.

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