



Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other  
so that you may be healed.  
James 5:16 (TLB)

Why do our apologies so often fail?

- What YOU consider to be a genuine and sincere apology is RARELY what your spouse/friend considers to be a genuine and sincere apology.

**Apology Language:**

1. **Expressing** \_\_\_\_\_ **Admit:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Accepting** \_\_\_\_\_ **Admit:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Making** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ask:** How can I \_\_\_\_\_ things \_\_\_\_\_?

**Restitution Requires:**  
I must \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_  
to the person I \_\_\_\_\_.

*Fools mock at making restitution, but there is goodwill among the upright.*

Proverbs 14:9 (HCSB)

**Restitution in Action:**

- Good parents teach and model this principle to their children.
- In a court of law the judge may order a thief to pay back stolen money or replace a stolen object.

**Moses taught the Israelites:**

*Any man or woman who wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the LORD is guilty and must confess the sin they have committed. They must make full restitution for the wrong they have done . . .Numbers 5*

## The Purpose of Restitution is

to \_\_\_\_\_ the person you wronged \_\_\_\_\_.

Example: The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

*Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."* Luke 19:8 (NIV)

- In the sphere of relationships, our desire for restitution is almost always rooted in our \_\_\_\_\_.

### Think About It:

**Why does it hurt so deeply when your spouse or close friend wrongs you?**

- I feel \_\_\_\_\_.
- I want to know, "Do you still \_\_\_\_\_?"

### How Do I Make Things Right?

- Restitution must be done in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the other person.

#### Love Language

#### Restitution

Words of Affirmation

- "I love you."
- "You are the best (wife) any (man) could ever hope for."
- "God blessed me the day you came into my life."

Acts of Service

- Based on the adage, "Actions speak louder than words."
- Help with household chores.
- Help with the children.

Receiving Gifts

- Flowers, Cards
- Something personal

Quality Time

- Time alone together
- Dinner out

Physical Touch

- Holding hands
- Hugs

## In Relationships, Restitution is about

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### Statements of Restitution

- ♥ *“Is there anything I can do to make up for what I have done?”*
- ♥ *“I know I have hurt you deeply, and I feel like I should do something to repay you for the hurt I’ve caused. Can you give me a suggestion?”*
- ♥ *“I’ve broken this promise many times. Would you like me to put my commitment in writing this time?”*

Jesus came to make things right between you and God.  
Who is waiting on you to make things right?