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3. By giving others the benefit of the doubt.

4. By personally facing them.

3. Genuine Love is not defensive. (vs. 12-15)

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