



# TO ENJOY LOVE

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When a mother cradles her baby in her arms, it is the happiest time for her. The mother can pour out all her love to her baby and the baby accepts it all without any opposition. The mother enjoys her love of giving and accepting.

It is love of flowing both ways and it is double happiness.

As the child grows up, the mother's love can't flow so freely. A five-year-old boy may refuse her kiss in front of his friends. An eight-year-old may criticize the mother's choice of her clothes. One young man told me that he didn't want to go home during the vacations because his mother would make such a fuss over cooking for him. It was nice of him to consider his mother's overwork in her poor health, however, he didn't understand that his mother would enjoy giving her love to him by cooking and her health probably would be better from the excitement.

We mothers have the same faults when our grown-up children want to

flow back their love to us. "Don't waste money on me while you are still struggling financially," we chide them when they give us gifts. "Why do we come to this expensive restaurant? I could make dishes better than these." When they take us out to celebrate Mother's Day. We hurt our children by not accepting their love.

A girl wrote to me, "Will you please stop saying that you have everything and you have no need at all? You don't know how it hurts me. It means that I can't add anything to show my love." I thanked her for her advice. Consequently, I quit responding to friends who sent me money with 'God has given me abundantly, please don't send anymore.' I realized that they were not giving alms, they were showing their love and I should accept it so all of us could enjoy love.

Love is not only active giving but also passive accepting. Let's enjoy love by doing both ways! 