



CCN WEEKLY SOLUTIONS SERIES
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**“Unlocking Love’s Door:
Who’s the Boss”**

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I. Introduction

In a relationship one person assumes the boss/parent role and the other assumes the child role

II. Where This Comes From

- A. We are drawn to the opposite kind of people

- B. Some things were unfinished in our own development

- C. Relational field between 2 people; one person is stronger than the other

III. Why This Problem Exists

- A. One person is trying to guard the relationship from the effects of the other and trying to manage the other

- B. One person thinks the problem is all about the other person

IV. How to Resolve the Parent/Child Problem

- A. Nagging the person – It doesn't work!

- B. Prepare yourself – Get in the right attitude
 - Act justly: Actively confront the problem
 - Love mercy: I'm for you, not against you
 - Walk humbly with God

- C. Decide if the timing is really right to address this?

D. Clarify your motives

- Their behavior could be hurting you
- Their behavior could be hurting themselves
- Their behavior could be hurting your relationship
- Their behavior could be hurting somebody else

E. Understand before you go into a non-nagging conversation there are 3 different possible reactions you are going to get:

- They can rise up and call you blessed
- They can get defensive
- They can retaliate

F. Choose the right time and place

G. Monitor your shades of intensity

H. Make a difference in these behaviors between what you prefer and what might actually be something that is wrong

I. Talk about love as the goal

J. Focus on the problem itself

K. Ask them about their side of it

L. Request specific changes

M. Talk about the effect it has on you, not their problem

N. Plan what you should do if it happens again

O. Give Consequences

Next Week on “Solutions”

“Unlocking Love’s Door: I Deserve Better Than That!”

Resources:

BOOKS:

Rescue Your Love Life

By Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend
www.integritypublishers.com

How People Grow

By Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend
www.zondervan.com

9 Things You Simply Must Do

By Dr. Henry Cloud
www.integritypublishers.com

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