

## Language #3: Receiving Gifts

- One can identify their spouse's language of love by what they complain about.
  - If a person complains that their spouse never spends time with them then their language of love is most likely quality time.
  - If they complain about how the spouse never helps them, then their language may be acts of service.
- The Prophet SAW said: Giving gifts builds love.
- He SAW would give gifts to his spouse and to the friends of his spouse.
- When the Prophet SAW would sacrifice any meat, he would send meat to the house of Hala bint Khuwailid who was the sister of Khadijah RA.
- When someone would give a gift to the Prophet SAW, he would use it right away so that the person would see him (SAW) using that gift.
  - When a person sees their gift in use it makes them happy which is why the Prophet SAW did this.
- A gift can be a symbol of love.
  - When a person looks at that gift they will remember the time they received it and the love that person has for them.

- In the battle of Badr, the husband of Zaynab RA fought against her father, the Prophet SAW. He was captured during the battle and put up for ransom. He did not have much money, so Zaynab had to send a necklace to help pay for the ransom. This necklace was the necklace of Khadijah RA that the Prophet SAW gifted her. When the Prophet SAW saw this necklace he cried at the memory of Khadijah. He SAW asked the sahabah if they would allow him to release Zaynab's husband without taking the necklace and they allowed it.
  - This story is just one example of the symbolism of gifts.
- It is not always about the value of the gifts, but it is about the thought behind them.
- As Muslims, we should give each other gifts on Islamic holidays rather than western holidays.