

Cherish Me

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cher·ish transitive verb \ 'cher-ish, 'che-rish\

: to feel or show great love for (someone or something)

: to remember or hold (an idea, belief, etc.) in a deeply felt way

Culture can be a crude teacher of expected norms and attitudes. Trends and expectations for interpersonal behavior find their way into our belief system through media, the entertainment industry and even social media without us ever putting forth an effort to learn. With teenagers today what is accepted too often is only what is trending. If we listen closely to the music, women are so often casually demeaned, that which at one time was grossly offensive has now become a term of endearment. To cherish is something all together different. With cherish, there is no grey area of misunderstanding or ambiguous meaning. There is no double entendre or inconspicuous connotation. To cherish is to show great love for someone. It will be evident in how you are spoken to and of. It will be clearly evident in how you are treated and cared for. He will go out of his way to accommodate your pleasure, preference and completeness. He will make great sacrifices just for your smile. And your smile is the *only* “thank you” he needs. His words will be choice words not casual words when describing how he feels about you because he knows his words need to make you feel special.

The important things in your life that may seem small to others will to him be huge. Because anything that’s important enough to occupy space in your heart or time on your mind will hold great value to him for they are the keys to your contentment and fulfillment. He will handle those things with care. To cherish you is to know you so deeply that he can begin to anticipate what you want and surprise you with it before you ask, and time its’ arrival that you receive it when you need it most. If he cherishes you, you will see him find joy in simply holding your hand or drinking in your laughter and being satisfied without an expectation of anything more, just because you are you. When you speak he will try to capture the intent of your every thought from your every sentence of your every word not only because what you are saying has meaning, but because to him your voice is like magic and hearing you speak is always a thrill. Because he cherishes you, he will drape insignificance over every distraction that might attempt to rob from him the special moments you spend together. He realizes life is short and time is a priceless commodity that cannot be stored so he refuses to allow his time with you to be dashed by interruptions or diminished by a text, tweet or phone call that can easily be handled later. He will struggle with every goodbye, welcome every hello and be committed to celebrate the highs, comfort you through the lows and work to solve the difficulties in between.

Say it once, “Cherish Me”. Say it again out loud, “Cherish Me!” You deserve to be cherished. If this is not your experience understand one simple principle; You can never get the steak you deserve until you kick all the hotdogs out of your life!