

How do you score?

By Evsttarr

Taking my usual meditative position before attempting to write this particular piece, I decided to do a little research. What exactly does devotion mean? As I sat and pondered the word *devotion*, a lot of visuals came to mind: monks in hooded brown robes uttering a solitary word once every two years; a faithful canine wagging its tail like it's about ready to take off & fly to the moon when it hears your car a mile down the road from home; the workaholic who hasn't realized yet that somewhere between sunrise and sundown lies the ever so popular human tradition called a *coffee-break, time-out, you need to eat*, etc. etc; or two lovers in a lip-lock going for the Guinness Book of World's records, and the list goes on.

During my search I came across a incredibly unique website called queendom.com and a test appropriately named The Devotion Test. "Alas" I said to myself, "now we're getting somewhere." So I proceeded to take the test. The questions are not so cut and dry...I kept thinking "well it depends on other circumstances"...but I had to answer one-way or the other. So I finished the quiz and the computer tallied up my score and in big bold letters is written **your score is 45**. I was scared, anxious, and above all curious...well I'll give you a little insight into my psyche...I'm not even sure about my psyche sometimes, but here is **my** test result:

Your results showed that you are sometimes devoted, but other times you turn your back on loved ones... which is not necessarily a bad thing. Love is not blind for you, which means there is a certain line others can't cross and still expect to have your loyalty. You set boundaries, which sends the clear message that you won't put up with crap. This results in healthy devotion, as opposed to self-sacrificing submission. You've got a backbone and a heart!

Whew, I'm not a crazed maniac or a sobbing mess,



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thank God. So now that I can sleep nights again, let me tell you what *devotion* means to me. Being a Cancer, I am devoted to my home and family, my children come first but not to the point of losing my sanity (*I have a teenager*), or totally ignoring mom's needs. I hear often from my daughter Shayna "the other moms drive their kids to school, the other moms do their laundry," I'm sure you can relate, so of course you may already know my standard response—"then go live with the other moms."

I am also devoted to my spirituality, but I don't think, in fact I **know** for certain, that I could never take that vow of silence or that other one for that matter. I meditate daily, and even occasionally in my car on the way to work, not in full fashion of course, I have my eyes open on the road. I fast from time to time, but, not for forty days, not even four days, 24 hours is about all I can manage and that's with juice. I attend church pretty faithfully but then there are some mornings when *St. Mattress* is calling me, so I listen.

I am devoted to my job, but not to the point of sacrificing my beliefs, ethics or my health. I have been in other occupations that didn't fit for one reason or another...when your job starts affecting your health or morals it's time to leave. I am strongly devoted to my outside work, which is teaching Louise Hay's philosophy, Treasure Mappings, Astrology, Dreams, and whatever way I can serve humanity in the esoteric realm.

I feel that occasionally we need to take inventory of our life, and see what's working and what's not. Real simple, list your categories one-by-one, sit down, make yourself a pros and cons list and weigh it out. You're the maker of the movie; remember, it's your script. You need to decide what you have control over and what is controlling you. Now, the hard part is doing something about it. I read a book, quite a few years ago, and most recently I picked it up and read it again, Susan Jeffers, Feel the Fear and Do It Anyways...great for giving you that extra **oomph!** We need to look at what's devotion and what is addiction...so go ahead log on to queendom.com and go to Free Just-for-fun Tests and then click on The Devotion Test. Tell me "how do you score?"

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