

ATIME FOR...

"Building Kingdom Relationships"



"Four of the Ten Commandments deal with our relationship to God while the other six deal with our relationships with people. But all ten are about relationships."

Rick Warren

Loving God Comes First...



Mark 12:30-31 NLT

³⁰ And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

³¹ The second is <u>equally</u> important: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

1 John 4:20 NLT

²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?



Foundational Principles...

- 1. Love Fuels... 1Pet.4:8 NLT Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.
- 2. Loyalty Protects... Prov.17:17 NLT A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.
- 3. True Friends 'Encourage' 1Sam.23:16 NLT Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.
- 4. Good Relationships produce Good Outcomes

 1Cor.15:33 NLT ... "bad company corrupts good character."
- 5. Broken Relationships are Restorable Col.3:13 NLT Make allowance for each other's faults, ... forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

God Builds Kingdom Relationships



1 Peter 2:5 NLT ⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.



Sacsayhuaman, Inca fort near Cusco, Peru.

Why Does Fellowship Matter...?



Acts 2:42 NLT

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

Devoted...

'constant, diligent, attention'

Fellowship... koinonia - each other, the Holy Spirit 'partnership, participation, communication'



"God is more interested in your future and your relationships than you are."

Billy Graham



Bringing Kingdom Influence to Society?

BCC Vision: "To bring growing <u>Kingdom influence</u> and transformation to every area of our lives, community and beyond."

Business & Finance
Education & Learning
Engineering & Construction
Legal
Media, Arts & Entertainment
Medical & Health
Politics & Government
Not-for-profit
Other...



Life Giving Kingdom Relationships...

Romans 12:9-11 NLT

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.



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