

How to Develop Strong Relationships

I Thessalonians 3:6-11

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Three Keys to Strong Relationships

1. Build relationships on a _____.

...and has brought us good news of your faith and love...

- Base your relationships on _____.
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The problem with Christians over the past hundred years or so is that they have seen things in bits and pieces rather than in totals. – Francis Schaeffer

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...and has brought us good news of your faith and love...

2. Always be focused on _____.

...and that you always think kindly of us ...

How Can We Become Focused on Others?

- Give other people our _____.
...longing to see us just as we also long to see you.
- Be the bright light in somebody's _____.

⁷For this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; ⁸for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord. ⁹For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account.

*“How little people know who think that holiness is dull.
When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible.” CS Lewis*

- _____ ceaselessly for your family and friends.

*¹⁰As we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we
may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in
your faith?*

A good barometer of your spiritual maturity is not so much
in what you pray for, but _____.

3. View every relationship as an opportunity for spiritual

_____.

*¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct
our way to you...*

#1 – That we would learn to love as _____ loves.

*¹²and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in
love for one another*

#2 – That we pursue _____ to Christ.

*¹³so that He may establish your hearts without blame in
holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our
Lord Jesus with all His saints.*