

Six Ingredients to Build Happy Relationships

Encouraging Words Series #6

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I Peter 3:8-12 (NT page 181)

⁸To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;

⁹not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. (vs. 8,9)

1. _____ (v. 8) – To understand or affirm someone's feelings

All of us have a need to be _____. How? _____

“Seek first to understand before seeking to be understood.”
Steven Covey

2. _____ (v. 8) – *brotherly* – committed to the relationship

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; Romans 12:10

Therefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God. Romans 15:7

3. _____ (v. 8) – *kindhearted* – love in action

Put on a heart of compassion. Colossians 3:12

Sympathy is understanding someone's _____;
compassion demonstrates it in _____.

Two ways: ► By what we _____

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. Ephesians 4:29

► By how we _____

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth. I John 3:18

4. _____ (v. 8) – being honest about my weaknesses, needs, failures

...love does not brag and is not arrogant, I Corinthians 13:4b

Through insolence comes nothing but strife, but wisdom is with those who receive counsel. Proverbs 13:10

5. _____ (v. 9) – giving more kindness than justice demands

Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Colossians 3:13

You will never have to forgive more than God has already

_____.

6. _____ (v. 9) – concern for others greater than concern for yourself

Mark of maturity – ability to master _____.

For we all stumble in many ways if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

James 3:2

¹⁰For,

"THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS,

MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.

¹¹*"HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.*

¹²*"FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL." I Peter 3:10-12*

**You were called to be a _____ and
receive a _____.**