

Sermon Notes: 4.11.21

MAKING AN IMPACT: Developing Healthy Relationships

Big Idea: Develop healthy relationships to benefit others and grow yourself.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

1. CHOOSE RELATIONSHIPS WISELY

Bad company corrupts good character. 1 Corinthians 15:33

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers....How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (NLT)

2. BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH GODLY VIRTUES

Be Loving

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Be Gracious

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

Be Peaceful

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ...Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:9-18

3. DEAL WITH DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIPS

Expect Disagreement

Resolve Conflict

"But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also." Matthew 5:39

"...Pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44

"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the fault. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If that person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. If the church decides you are right, but the other person won't accept it, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector." Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9 (NLT)

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15 (NIV).

Practice Reconciliation

"So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

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