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Sermon Connection Bulletin

"Preparing to Grow and Win with Relationships"

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Read Luke 2:40, 52 (NKJV)

HOW PREPARED ARE YOU TO RELATE?: We've often said that the greatest evidence that you are believing and expecting is by what you PREPARE for. **FAITH PREPARES; FAITH GET READY!**

- **You don't just get what you BELIEVE for, you get what you PREPARE for.**
- Are you prepared for righteous relationships? Are you prepared to grow if grace-filled, God-ordained, supernatural relationships? **Stanley C. Allyn** said "The most useful person in the world today is the man or woman who knows how to get along with other people. Human relations is the most important science in living."
- **Friends, it takes spiritually and relationally healthy people to build great relationships.**
- **Five People Principles:**

The Lens Principle: Who we are determines how we see others.

The questions I must ask myself: What is my perception of others? Who you are determines the way you see everything.

Who you are determines: (1) What you see (2) How you see others (3) How you view life (4) What you do. This is why every Born-Again, child of God needs to have a "Righteousness Conscientiousness". Read these Scriptures: **Romans 5:17 (NLT); Psalms 111:142 (NKJV); Proverbs 10:2 (NKJV); Romans 4:25 (NLT); 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)**

The Mirror Principle: The first person we must examine is ourselves.

The question I must ask myself: Have I examined myself and taken responsibility for who I am? *Coping with difficult people is always a problem, especially if the difficult person happens to be you.*

The Pain Principle: Hurting people hurt people and are easily hurt by them. The question I must ask myself: Do I hurt people, or am I too easily hurt by them?

1st - Righteously CARE for each other: 1 Corinthians 12:25 - 26 (NKJV)

2nd - Rightfully resolve CONFLICTS between one another: Matthew 18:15 - 17 (NKJV)

3rd - Rigorously avoid CONTENTIOUS Christians: Romans 16:17 (NKJV)

The Hammer Principle: Never use a hammer to swat a fly off someone's head. The question I must ask myself: Would others say I overreact to small things in a relationship?

The Elevator Principle: We can lift people up or take people down in our in our relationships. The question I must ask myself: Would others say that I lift them up or take them down?

YOU GET WHAT YOU PREPARE FOR: Read 1 Kings 17:8-16 KJV

- Sadness is not a result of our condition, but a result of our thoughts. She was thinking about death; so was preparing for death. She was preparing to die; instead of preparing to live. **Friends, don't prepare to die; prepare to live; prepare to thrive; prepare to grow!** Take care of your body and keep a dream in your heart!

- **PROBLEM: A PROBLEM IS A MISMATCH OF WHAT YOU HAVE OR LACK, AND WHAT YOU WANT OR NEED.** What are you sowing relationally? If you are constantly taking from the relationship through criticism, fault-finding and strife; you are bankrupting the relationship! You are PREPARING for death or divorce of that relationship!

NOTES:

PREPARING TO GROW AND WIN WITH RELATIONSHIPS NOTES:

REACH
Reach the unsaved and un-churched!

RAISE
Raise and make disciples, followers of Jesus!

RELATE
Connect and care in love with one another!

REVOLUTIONIZE
Impact our Community and City for Christ!



VISION CASTING



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life!"
