



#6 "Build Better Relationships"

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone...."

1. Know _____ to _____.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NIV) But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

Romans 16:17 (NIV) I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them.

2 Corinthians 6:14 (NIV) Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Proverbs 20:19 (NIV) A gossip betrays a confidence; so avoid anyone who talks too much.

2. Know what _____ relationships _____.

What kind of people do you need in your life?

- People who love and are pursuing God.

2 Corinthians 6:15 (NLT) What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

- People who share your faith, values, guiding life principles, and priorities.

Philippians 2:2 (NIV) Then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

- **People who are encouragers.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV) Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- **People who inspire and motivate you.**

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT) Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

- **People who are forgiving, gracious, and safe.**

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- **People who understand and honor boundaries.**

Romans 12:10 (NLT) Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

- **People who you can count on.**

Proverbs 20:6 (NLT) Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?

- **People who are equally committed to the relationship.**

Romans 14:19 (NIV) Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

3. _____ what you're _____!

Galatians 6:7-8 (MSG) Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life.