SOCIAL LIFE LESSON #4

LOVING OTHERS



KEY VERSES

"For you have been called to live in freedom - not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature [flesh], but freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

Galatians 5:13–14 (NLT)



"Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)



"...I alone am God. There is no other God; there never has been and never will be."

Isaiah 43:10 (NLT)



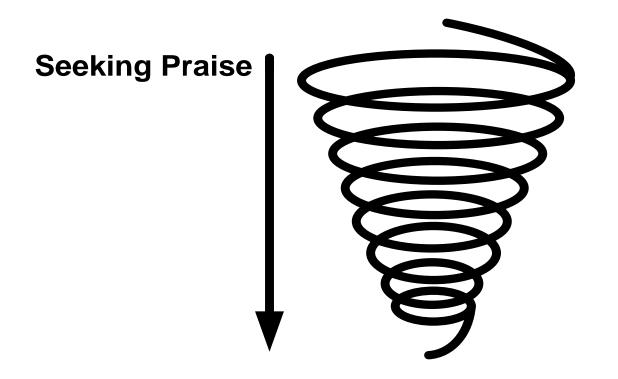
"For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and every kind of evil."

James 3:16 (NLT)



Looking for Approval

My Relationship with Others



"Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you very well know. And God is our witness that we were not just pretending to be your friends so you would give us money...

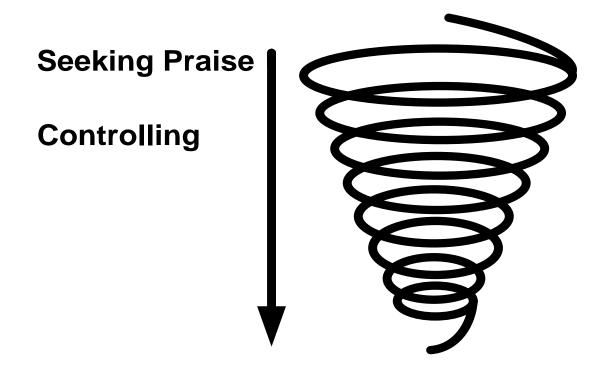


As for praise, we have never asked for it from you or anyone else."

1 Thessalonians 2:5–6 (NLT)

Manipulating Others

My Relationship with Others



"If you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate..."

Romans 12:7-8 (MSG)



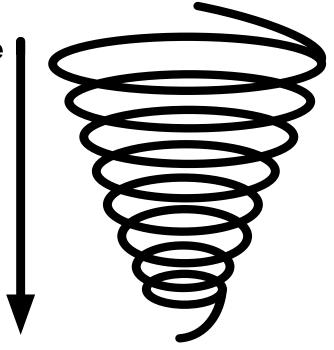
Criticizing Others

My Relationship with Others

Seeking Praise

Controlling

Judging



"Don't grumble about each other, my brothers and sisters, or God will judge you. For look! The great Judge is coming..."James 5:9 (NLT)



Witholding Love

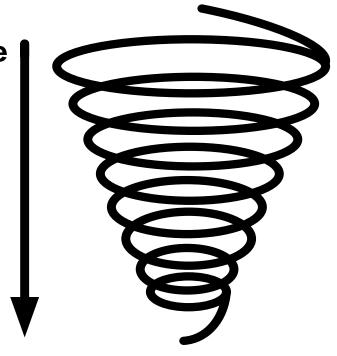
My Relationship with Others

Seeking Praise

Controlling

Judging

Rejecting



"Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves." James 4:1 (MSG)

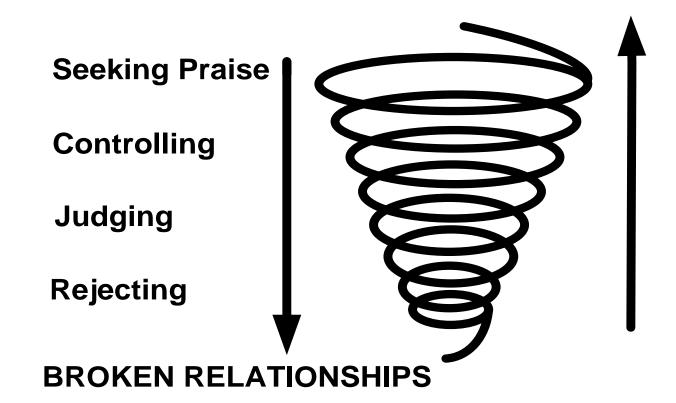


"It's harder to make amends with an offended friend than to capture a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with iron bars." Proverbs 18:19 (NLT)



Damaged Relationships

My Relationship with Others



"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged...



It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love will last forever..."

1 Corinthians 13:4–8 (NLT)



When You Love Others ...

- you are humble and satisfied with God's acceptance.
- you are hopeful and trusting God.
- you are patient and kind.
- you endure through every circumstance.
- you have a relationship that lasts.



"Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form." Philippians 2:5–7 (NLT)



"Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself." Philippians 2:3 (NLT)



Servant's Attitude

My Relationship with Others

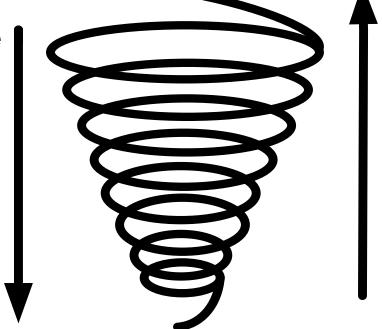


BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

Controlling

Judging

Rejecting



Humbling Self

Have Faith

My Relationship with Others



Controlling

Judging

Rejecting

Trusting God

Humbling Self

BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy...I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again."

Philippians 1:3–6 (NLT)



Support Each Other

My Relationship with Others

Seeking Praise

Controlling

Judging

Rejecting

Accepting

Trusting God

Humbling Self

BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." **Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)**



Minister to Each Other

My Relationship with Others

Seeking Praise

Controlling

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BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

Giving

Accepting

Trusting God

Humbling Self

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick...



and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'...



And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:34-40 (NKJ)



"But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help - how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions."

1 John 3:17-18 (NLT)



"We know what real love is because Christ gave up his life for us. And so we also ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters." 1 John 3:16 (NLT)



"How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!" Psalm 133:1 (MSG)



Strong Relationships

My Relationship with Others

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Seeking Praise

Controlling

Judging

Rejecting

Giving

Accepting

Trusting God

Humbling Self

BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

"May you experience the love of Christ, though it is so great you will never fully understand it. Then you will be filled with the fullness of life and power that comes from God." Ephesians 3:19 (NLT)

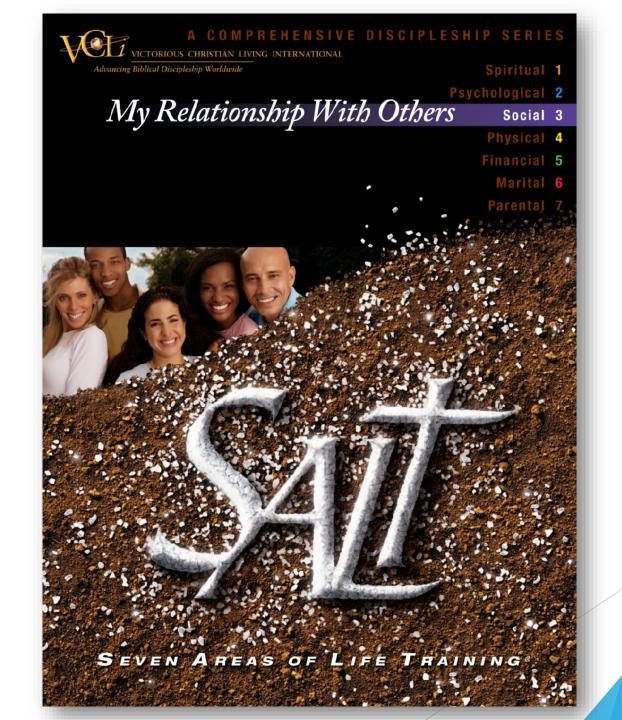


"Saying, 'Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Luke 22:42 (NKJ)



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