

Series: Balancing Life's Demands – Part 5

Scripture: Matthew 7:12

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## **HOW TO MAINTAIN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

*1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another...*

*Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.*

*Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **OTHER PEOPLE EVEN IF THEY** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YOU.**

*Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

The standard for accepting others is the same standard as \_\_\_\_\_ had for accepting others!

2. **TAKE THE TIME TO** \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR THE** \_\_\_\_\_  
**OF THOSE AROUND YOU.**

*1 Corinthians 12:25 (NLT) This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other.*

*"No one \_\_\_\_\_ what you know until they know that you \_\_\_\_\_!"*

*Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **THOSE THAT HAVE** \_\_\_\_\_ **YOU.**

*Ephesians 4:32 (NKJV) And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

*Colossians 3:13 (NKJV) bearing with one another, and forgiving one another...even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.*

### Four steps toward forgiving others

1. Recognize the injury and \_\_\_\_\_ your hurt and anger!
2. Recognize that we have been totally \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ others as they are.
4. Release the person from the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **4. GIVE \_\_\_\_\_ IN ORDER TO \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS UP.**

*1 Thes. 5:11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*

How do I know if someone needs encouragement? If someone is \_\_\_\_\_ they need encouragement!

*Hebrews 3:13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today,"*

*Hebrews 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.*

### **5. DEMONSTRATE A \_\_\_\_\_ FOR OTHERS THAT REFLECTS \_\_\_\_\_ LOVE.**

*John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.*

*1 Thes. 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;*

The Old Commandment - Leviticus 19:18

The New Commandment:- John 13:34

One thing has changed...the \_\_\_\_\_! We are to love others as \_\_\_\_\_ loved us!

How do we love like Christ?