

Five Things to Do for Others



Matthew 7:12

- We have learned that the key to relating to others is putting yourself in someone else's place.
- The Golden Rule is the summit of ethics, behavior, righteousness and godliness.
- In the Golden Rule, Christ taught us two things about developing relationships with others.
 - A. We need to decide how we want to be treated.
 - B. Then we need to begin treating others in that manner.

1. Learn to encourage others (Acts 20:32).

- A. Lift others up.
- B. Believe in people.
- C. Help people shed bad baggage.

2. Learn to appreciate others (1 Cor. 1:4).

- Appreciate – to value justly; to be grateful.
 - A. Do not underestimate the value of a single person.
 - B. Do not take advantage of people.
 - C. Learn to give out praise.

3. Forgive others (Mark 11:25-26; Matt. 6:14-15).

- A. To forgive – to send forth; to send away; to bestow a favor unconditionally; to let loose from.
- B. Forgive quickly – for “give.” – Release; pardon; compassion.
- C. Everyone wants to be forgiven.

4. Listen to others (James 1:19).

- Listen – to give ear; to give attention; to discern.
 - A. To the Word of God.
 - B. To hear how God explains His providences.
 - C. To listen to our brothers and sisters when they find themselves in trials and tribulations.

5. Understand others (James 1:5).

- **Understand – to be prudent, to deal and act wisely or to use wisdom; to look at with discernment.**
- **In life, you are either going to see people as your adversaries or as your assets.**
- **The least important word: I**
- **The most important word: We**
- **The two most important words: Thank you**
- **The three most important words: All is forgiven**
- **The four most important words: What is your opinion?**
- **The five most important words: You did a good job**
- **The six most important words: I want to know you better**