



PUT GOD FIRST – LIFE GOES BEST

Modifying Your Treatment of People

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A. HOLLYWOOD'S VS. HEAVEN'S VIEW OF PEOPLE

Why should Hollywood – 2% of society – tell the rest of us we're ugly!

Hollywood's View of People

- Tools to use
- Object to exploit
- Rung on the ladder – climb to success
- Expendable – temporary –
- Collateral damage of life
- Driven by our self-centeredness

Heaven's View of People

- All precious
- All worthy
- Respected
- If you breath you have equal value
- Love is driven by others-centeredness

Understanding THE HURTS – Why does GOD allow the hurts?

- Foster care in Chicago?
- Incest vs. Safe Home
- Rape, murder
- Facebook - gossip
- Trashing people online that we would never say out loud or to their face.
- Excluding others...

B. LOVE IS ALWAYS THE MAIN THING – ARGUE AND LOSE

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:30,31

LOVE GOD – LOVE PEOPLE....period!

C. EXPERIENCE A TRUE LOVE MAKEOVER

How your treat people matters to God - If you know the Lord you have to treat People Right!

Love without Discrimination

WHO I LOVE

- James 2:1-9 – Favouring the Wealthy
- No Favorites
- Everybody's different – Nobody's different

Love without Manipulation**WHY I LOVE**

Phil. 2:1-4

Love without Limitation**HOW I LOVE**

Luke 6: 27,28,32,35

Love your enemies...

Nobody is outside our circle if our enemies are inside according to God's plan.

D. LOVE OF A DIFFERENT KIND

1 Cor. 13:4-7

Checklist – is my love like this?

ILLU : 10 Foot Circle...

E. LEARN THE SECRET OF HAVING MANY FRIENDS

- Rom 15:5-7 – Accept others as God accepted you
 - Love you if – do...
 - Love you because – have...
 - Love you period – no strings
 - Listen, talk to, include. ACCEPT
- those on the outside....the last. the least and the lost.

If you learn to love and accept anyone, you'll never have to worry about making friends again.

F. MAKE REGROUP THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD

- John 13:34,35
- ReGroup/FLAIR should be safest, most accepting place in the world.
- CHRISTIANS HAVE A UNIQUE IDENTIFYING TRAIT -The Mark of a CHRISTIAN is LOVE
- Christian army that shoots its wounded

GOD CHOOSES YOUR FRIENDS!

How Does God Want You to Respond?

1. Treat people right.
2. Break down discrimination barriers.
3. Let God choose your friends
4. Live the 10-foot circle
5. BONUS READING on Love – I John 3,4