

INCREASING THE VALUE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
Growing Healthy Relationships Part 1
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Ezekiel 18:5, 9 Imagine a person who lives well, treating others fairly, keeping good relationships—⁹ ...This person who lives upright and well shall live a full and true life. Decree of GOD, the Master. (MSG)

Through APPRECIATION

Romans 13:7 Pay all that you owe, whether it is taxes and fees or respect and honor. (CEV)

What Should I Appreciate About Others?

1. APPRECIATE PEOPLE'S LOYALTY

Philippians 1:3, 5, 7a I thank my God for you every time I think of you; ⁵ because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now. ⁷ ...both now that I am in prison and also while I was free to defend the gospel and establish it firmly. (TEV)

2. APPRECIATE PEOPLE'S DIFFERENCES

Colossians 3:13, 15 Be patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone ... for you were called to live as one united body, and always be thankful." (PH)

3. APPRECIATE PEOPLE'S EFFORTS

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers. ³ For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into practice, how your love made you work so hard... (TEV)

1 Thessalonians 5:12 ...we ask you to appreciate those who work hard among you... (NCV)

How Should I Appreciate Others?

1. IT NEEDS TO BE REAL

Romans 12:9a Don't just pretend that you love others: really love them. (LB)

Proverbs 28:23 In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery. (NLT)

2. IT NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZABLE

1 Corinthians 16:18b You must show your appreciation to all who serve so well. (NLT)

Proverbs 12:25 Worry weighs us down; but a cheerful word picks us up. (MSG)

3. IT NEEDS TO BE REGULAR

2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we must always thank God for you... (NJB)

Galatians 6:10 ...whenever we can we should always be kind to everyone, and especially to our Christian brothers. (LB)

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him. (AMP)