

GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

I. SHOW RESPECT TO EVERY PERSON

"Honor all people" (1 Peter 2:17). We are to honor, to respect all people, to treat every person in a loving and righteous way.

II. SEE PEOPLE AS CREATED BY GOD

"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him" (Genesis 1:27). It's important to see people as made in God's image, as people who have an eternal soul, and who possess intellect, will and emotions.

III. SEE THE SOUL OF A PERSON

"From now on we recognize no one according to the flesh" (2 Corinthians 5:16). Don't focus on a person's outward appearance. Focus on the fact that people have a soul, a heart, a mind, and will live forever. 1 Samuel 16:7

IV. SEE YOURSELF AS A SERVANT OF OTHERS

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). Don't think you are more important than other people. See yourself as a servant, and desire to help the people you are with. Luke 22:26-27

V. REMEMBER THAT EVERYONE NEEDS CHRIST

"I am the bread of life." (John 6:35). *"I am the light of the world"* (John 8:12). A person needs Jesus Christ, whether he or she is saved or is lost. Christ needs to be their Lord, Savior and Friend. Philippians 1:21

VI. BE PATIENT WITH PEOPLE

"Love is patient" (1 Corinthians 13:4). You are to put up with a person's faults. You are to have a forbearing, forgiving spirit towards others, and a faith in God that He is in control, that He is working in their life.

VII. BE KIND TO PEOPLE

"Love is kind" (1 Corinthians 13:4). Be kind, gracious, giving, good, friendly and cheerful to people. As much as possible, be a blessing to them.

VIII. DON'T BE SELFISH

Love *"does not seek its own"* (1 Corinthians 13:5). Don't think about what you can get from a person. Don't have expectations when you are with people, but be thinking of what you can do for them, what you can give to them.

IX. KNOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL NEEDS

“When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). You need to see that people have internal problems, struggles, temptations, conflicts, worries and fears.

X. BE COMPASSIONATE TOWARDS PEOPLE

“When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said, ‘Don’t cry’” (Luke 7:13). Respond to the needs of people who are hurting with compassion, empathy and genuine concern, with loving words and kind actions.

XI. IF POSSIBLE, MEET A PERSON’S NEEDS

“I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and having nothing to eat” (Matthew 15:32). You can show love to people by meeting their physical needs. Luke 10:25-37 – Good Samaritan

XII. SHOW AGAPE LOVE, GODLY LOVE

“Jesus loved Martha and her sister Mary and Lazarus” (John 11:1-5). You are to love people in a godly and supernatural way, being genuinely concerned about both their spiritual and physical needs. John 11:25-26, 15:17

XIII. LISTEN TO PEOPLE

“... sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking questions” (Luke 2:46-47). When you are with people, listen to them, hear what they have to say, and then you will be able to understand what is on their heart, and what you then should say to them.

XIV. DON’T TRY TO BRING ATTENTION TO YOURSELF

“Love does not brag and is not arrogant” (1 Corinthians 13:5). Don’t brag, don’t be a show-off, wanting people to see you and praise you. This means being humble, speaking words that honor both God and others.

XV. HAVE GOOD MANNERS AND GODLY SPEECH

Love *“does not act unbecomingly”* (1 Corinthians 13:5). Don’t use crude, coarse or curse words. Speak in a godly way, like Jesus would. Have good manners – be polite and put the other person first.

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Luke 6:31