

Sermon Notes

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Developing Relational Happiness: Developing Friends

I believe one of the deepest _____ we all have, is to be _____ for who we are and be unconditionally _____.

The Bible shows we were _____ to need _____.

- Man was _____ like God so as to _____ to God and God to man.
- By God's _____, friendship was the _____ of God to people, people to God, and people to people.
- Overarching theme of the Bible is:
 - God seeks us to be in a right and loving _____, a _____ with God for all eternity.
- Paul's desired to help people enter into the most important _____ in life, which is with _____.

What we learn from Paul's opening to his friends at Philippi are two concepts which help us develop friendships:

- First, be _____ for others.
 - Being thankful conveys feelings of being _____ to someone, _____, and _____.
- Secondly, Paul states that he _____ for them.

This week I must do this...

Weekly Devotions

God speaks to us today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus said about the Holy Spirit,

“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you all things and will *remind* you of everything I have said to you.”

This week, begin your quiet time with God by having your Bible and some paper/notebook in which to write some observations from God on. Use the following instructions for your time with God:

1. Ask God to first quiet your heart and mind so that you are available to God.
2. Ask God to speak to your heart as you read the scripture for the day.
 - a. Write down the most meaningful part of the scripture you read today.
 - b. In one or two sentences, write down the impression you received as your read this particular part of the scripture.
 - c. Finally write down what you feel God wants you to learn or do as a result of what impressed you.

Scriptures to Read:

- **MONDAY– Philippians 1:3-11**
- **TUESDAY – Proverbs 18:24**
- **WEDNESDAY – John 15:9-17**
- **THURSDAY – Proverbs 27:17-19**
- **FRIDAY – 1 Thessalonians 5:9-22**
- **SATURDAY – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**