

Sermon Notes

September 15, 2019

Developing Relational Happiness: Keeping Friends

How to develop friendships:

- Being _____ is the antidote for being _____ of others.
- _____ for others is the antidote for _____ to others

To have a _____ is to be a _____.

To the Philippians:

- Paul states we need to exhibit _____ love toward others.
- Why is it hard to love unconditionally?
 - Human nature, it seems at its core, is _____.
 - It's not natural to _____, our parents have to teach us to _____.
 - Our internal _____ from the time of birth tends to be geared toward meeting our _____.
 - It's called our _____-nature.

The antidote for our sin-nature is two-fold.

- First, we must love others _____.
- Secondly, in _____ value others _____ yourself.

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– Deuteronomy 8:1-14**
- **TUESDAY – 2 Chronicles 12:1-8, 12-14**
- **WEDNESDAY – Matthew 23:1-13**
- **THURSDAY – Luke 1:47-55**
- **FRIDAY – Ephesians 4:1-6**
- **SATURDAY – James 4:1-12**