



Applying Truth in Relationships | Application


 **READ: Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:19-21**

 **WRITE:** In what specific ways has God demonstrated His love for you?

 How should God's love for you influence the way you love others?


 **Philippians 2:1-2**


 How would you explain the significant difference between being spiritually like-minded, having the same love, and being one in spirit and purpose versus merely having common interests or being of similar opinion?


 Why is being like-minded in spirit and purpose important in developing genuine unity in relationships?

 **1 Corinthians 15:33**

 How would you explain the difference between **having** influence on others and **being** influenced by others?

 **ACTION:** Take the time to ask the Lord to help you evaluate your current relationships and to implement any changes He deems necessary to walk in obedience to His will.


 **FISHING FOR MEN:** How will you explain to those you disciple the significance in developing Christ-centered relationships?

 In what specific ways can you train others to become a godly friend?


Because Christ desires for His followers to be proactive in obedience to Him, be prepared to explain to those you disciple God's purpose in relationships and encourage them to develop godly relationships.

 **Matthew 5:43-45**


Since the world has nothing in common with God's Word, those who follow Jesus may be misunderstood, disliked, and opposed by those who live by the world's standards. For this reason, Jesus tells us what to do concerning personal enemies. Please be aware that unless you are spiritually prepared and proactive in dealing with opposition it can easily catch you off guard and tempt you to act contrary to truth.


 Jesus tells us to love our enemies. What benefit would it be to you personally and to others to love your enemies?


 **Matthew 5:46-47; Luke 6:32-36; Romans 12:17-21**


 List some practical habits that will help believers better love their enemies, and be prepared to share with others.


 **John 13:35; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 John 4:7-8, 11**

 Why is it important that we be intentional in loving everyone as Christ does?

 Why is unconditional love significant in relating to others for the purpose of making disciples?

 Take a few moments to ask the Lord to reveal to your heart and mind any area of your life that fails to reflect Christ-like love.

 What steps will you take to convey unconditional love regardless of the situation or the people involved?

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.
(Philippians 1:9)