

# Relationship Matters - 3

## You were created for relationships

**One of the greatest keys to developing great relationships is learning to serve.**

*"... Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."* Mark 10:43 NIV

*"Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good, in order that they may provide for daily necessities and not live unproductive lives."* Titus 3:14 NIV

*"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."*  
Matthew 16:25 NIV

## **How can I learn to serve successfully?**

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*  
Mark 10:45 NIV

### **1. CHOOSE TO LOVE THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE.**

*"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love."* Galatians 5:13 NIV

*"Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other."* 1 Thessalonians 4:9 NIV

### **2. DO IT WITH JESUS AND UNTO THE LORD.**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."*  
Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

### **3. DON'T TAKE THE BAIT WHEN DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE.**

*"Then He said to the disciples, 'It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!'"* Luke 17:1 NKJV

*"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."* John 10:18 NIV

### **4. EXPECT GREAT RESULTS, BECAUSE YOU ARE DOING IT WITH JESUS.**

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10 NIV

*"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"* Matthew 25:21 NKJV

*"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another."* John 15:16-17 NKJV

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."* John 14:12 NKJV