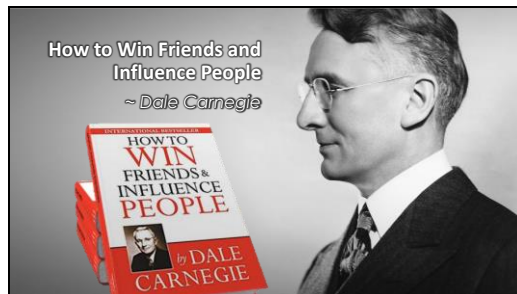


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How can we interact with others and
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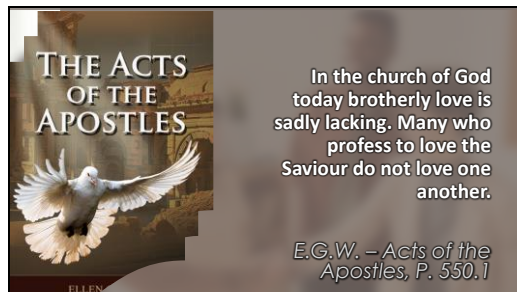
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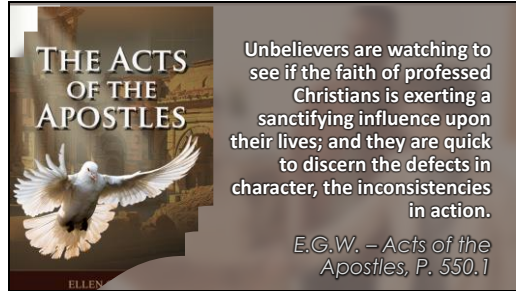
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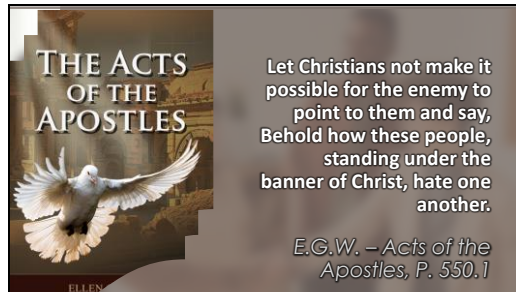
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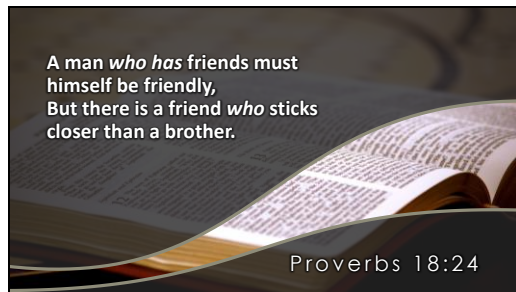
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Who goes to church?

People.

Since that's the case it would be good for us to learn how to interact with people.

-I bet even in a group this small most of us here do not know everyone's name.

-What if you went up to someone here today, someone you don't know, and introduced yourself?

-Let's learn to be friendly.

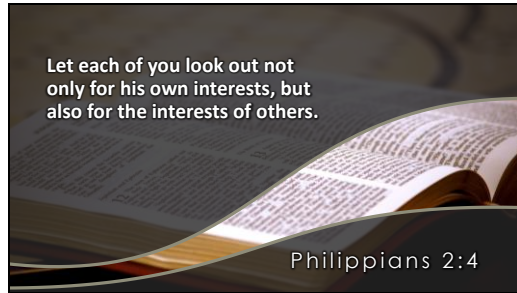
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*"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."
~Dale Carnegie: How to Win Friends and Influence People*

*Become genuinely interested in other people.

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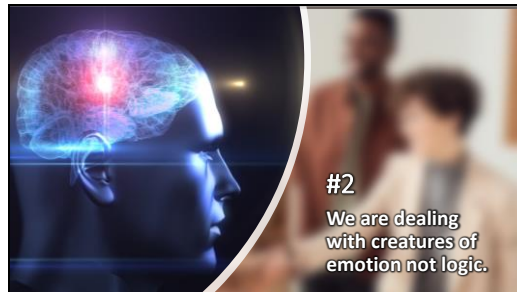


Philippians 2:3-4

³ *Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

⁴ Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

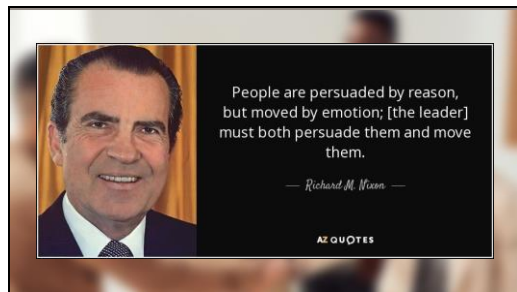
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"When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of logic. We are dealing with creatures of emotion, creatures bristling with prejudices and motivated by pride and vanity."

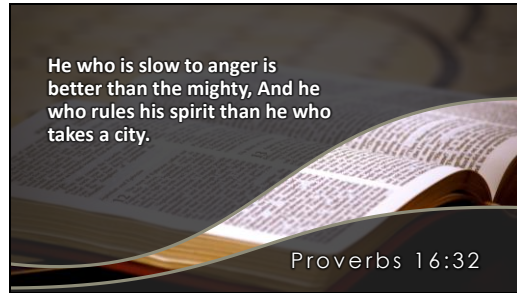
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*If you're going to lead... lead.

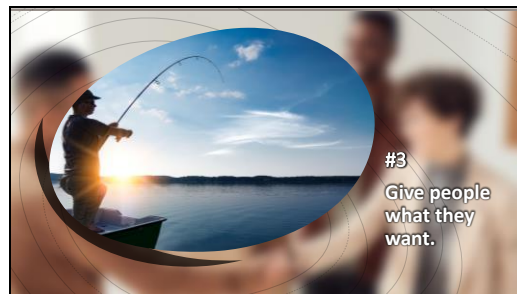
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-Let us learn to control our emotions and not be ruled by them.

-People act and react with emotion, let us learn to discern an emotional reaction vs a logically thought out response.

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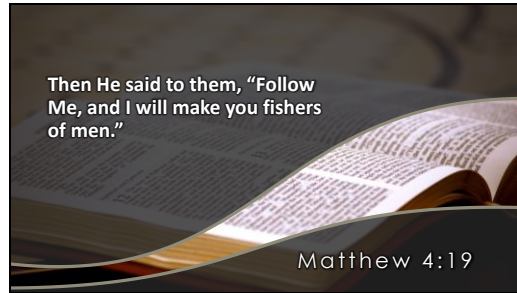


"Personally I am very fond of strawberries and cream, but I have found that for some strange reason, fish prefer worms. So when I went fishing, I didn't think about what I wanted. I thought about what they wanted. I didn't bait the hook with strawberries and cream. Rather, I dangled a worm or grasshopper in front of the fish and said: "Wouldn't you like to have that?"

Why not use the same common sense when fishing for people?"

~Dale Carnegie: How to Win Friends and Influence People

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-We must help others find what they need/want.

-People may think they want things which are harmful to them when in reality they are using that as a mask or a band aid deal with a need that is not being met, ie. trying to numb pain and suffering.

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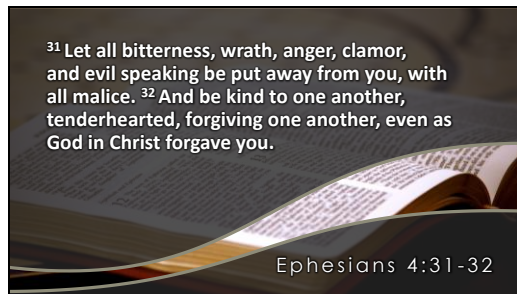


"The difference between appreciation and flattery? That is simple. One is sincere and the other insincere. One comes from the heart out; the other from the teeth out. One is unselfish; the other selfish. One is universally admired; the other universally condemned."

~Dale Carnegie: How to Win Friends and Influence People

My family started using a bird feeder because we wanted to see the birds. A gentleman once told me, "It's so kind to the birds too." I never forgot that.

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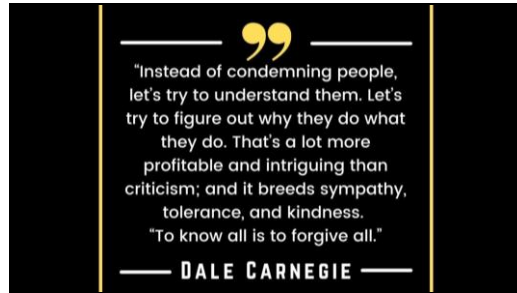


If we are kind to animals, why do we find it so hard to be kind to one another.

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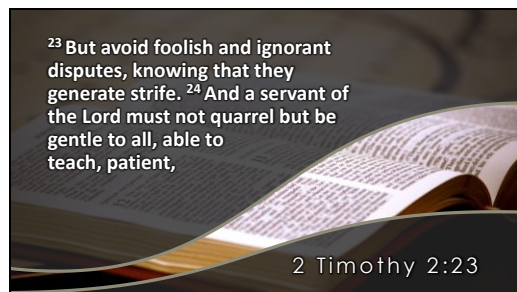


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"I have come to the conclusion that there is only one way under high heaven to get the best of an argument— and that is to avoid it. Avoid it as you would avoid rattlesnakes and earthquakes."
~Dale Carnegie: *How to Win Friends and Influence People*

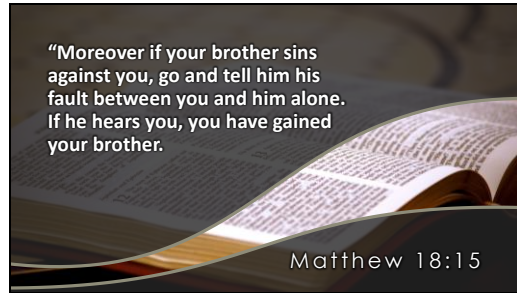
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-Nobody wins an argument.

-You can win the argument and lose the friend, or worse the soul.

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-Remember the Matthew 18 principle. Far too many arguments and problems take place because this is NOT followed.

**Dealing with a Sinning Brother:
Matthew 18:15-20**

¹⁵ “Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ ¹⁷ And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again^[d] I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

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-Have you ever gone through a checkout line and the clerk couldn't care less about you and shows you no real respect?

-Have you ever gone through a checkout line and the clerk is kind, courteous, and respectful?

-How do these two scenarios make you feel?

-People want to feel like they are a somebody.

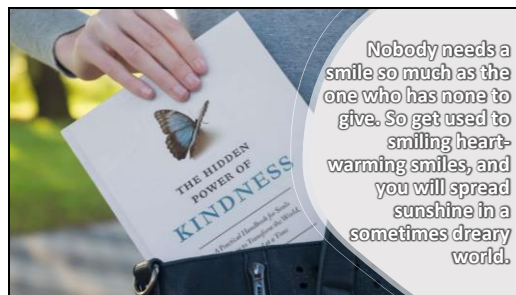
-The truth is we are all a somebody to Jesus, He died for them as well as you and I.

-Let us help others feel like they belong.

-Smile even when you don't feel like smiling.

-No one needs a smile more than the one who has none left to give.

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Nobody needs a smile so much as the one who has none to give. So get used to smiling heart-warming smiles, and you will spread sunshine in a sometimes dreary world.

The Hidden Power of Kindness by Lawrence G. Lovasik

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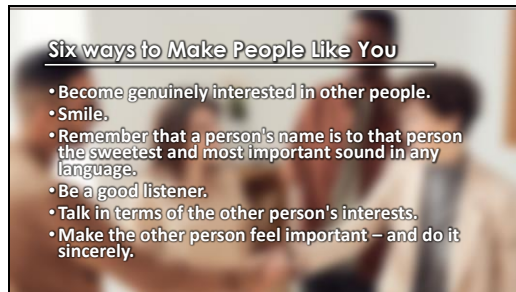


-A woman was in such peace in her insanity, which was a direct contrast from the pain she had before, that even if I had the cure for her insanity, I would not give it to her.

"If some people are so hungry for a feeling of importance that they actually go insane to get it, imagine what miracle you and I can achieve by giving people honest appreciation this side of insanity."

~Dale Carnegie: How to Win Friends and Influence People

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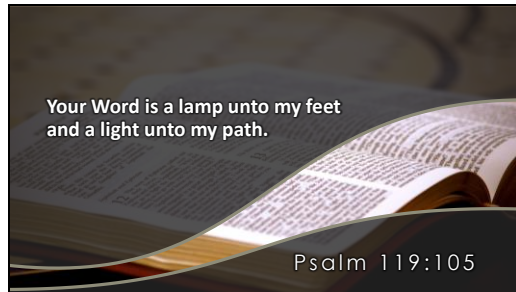
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Remember, while the book *How to Win Friends and Influence People* is a great self-help book, it does not replace the Bible.

-The beauty is help does not rely on self but on God. Let's rely on Him and do our part in refining our character.

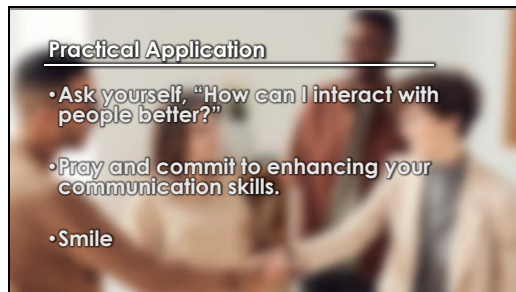
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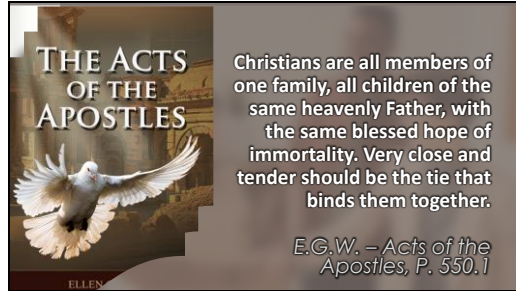
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Practical Application

- Ask yourself, "How can I interact with people better?"
- Pray and commit to enhancing your communication skills.
- Smile

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[Acts of the Apostles, E.G.W. P. 550.1]

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