

#### Test of healthy relationships

- ✓ Are you prepared for healthy relationships?
- ✓ Are you willing to connect by <u>focusing</u> on others?
- ✓ Are you willing to build mutual trust?
- ✓ Are you willing to invest in others?

#### **Investing** in others

Numbers 27:18-23 ESV

So the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him. 19 Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight.

20 <u>You shall invest him with some of your authority</u>, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord.

At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the people of Israel with him, the whole congregation."

Ecclesiastes 11:1 NCV

Invest what you have, because after a while you will get a return.

### How do we hinder ourselves from investing in others?

✓ We don't look for common ground.

1 Corinthians 9:22 TLB

Yes, whatever a person is like, <u>I try to find common ground</u> with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.

✓ We struggle with demonstrating patience.

Proverbs 25:15 CEV

**Patience** and gentle talk can convince a ruler and **overcome any problem**.

✓ We compare ourselves with others.

Galatians 6:4-5 Message

4 Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself.

<u>Don't compare yourself with others.</u> 5 Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life.

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# **Real**ationships

#### Invest

#### Investing in others...

Notes:

# 1. Cultivate the good.

1 Peter 3:11 Message

Snub evil and *cultivate good*; run after peace for all you're worth.

# 2. Communicate at all times.

Numbers 12:5-8 TLB

5 Then the Lord descended in the Cloud and stood at the entrance of the Tabernacle. "Aaron and Miriam, step forward," He commanded; and they did. 6 And the Lord said to them, "Even with a prophet, *I would communicate by visions and dreams*;

7-8 but that is not how <u>I communicate with my servant Moses</u>. He is completely at home in My house! With him I speak face to face! And he shall see the very form of God!

Why then were you not afraid to criticize him?"

# 3. Celebrate others when they succeed.

Proverbs 28:12 CEV

When an honest person wins, it's time to *celebrate* 

#### The real you determines the health of your relationships.