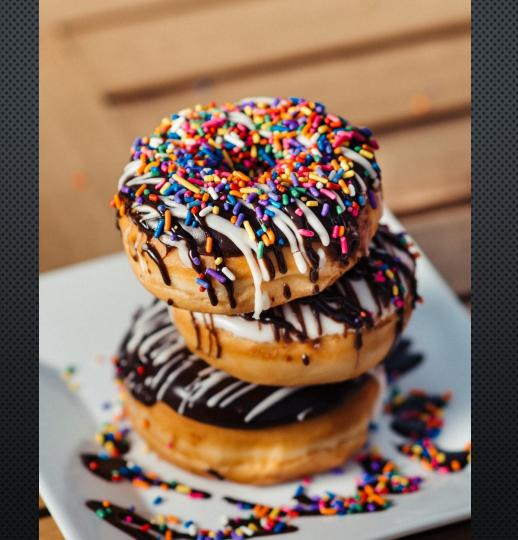


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Build relationships with people by having meals with them

1. Eat With Anyone

²⁷ After this, Jesus went out and saw a tax collector by the name of Levi sitting at his tax booth. "Follow me," Jesus said to him, 28 and Levi (Matthew) got up, left everything and followed him. 29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" 31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.'

2. Have Good Intentions

³⁷ When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. ³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You toolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?

3. Focus On Your Guests

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1. Too Worn Out To Reach Out

2. Too Insignificant To Have An Impact

3. Too Busy To Be Bothered

"Loving people pretty much always means meeting a need, and those needs pretty much always present themselves as interruptions to our agenda. When you're faced with that choice, choose one at a time. You'll be glad you did."

- Kyle Idleman (pg. 230)

4. Too Much Investment Without A Guaranteed Return



Who has God put in your sphere of influence?