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Peopling

Love is Patient 1 Corinthians 13:4

*“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, and all your mind.”*

This is the first and greatest commandment.

A second is equally important:

‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

Top Two Priorities for Your Life (assigned by Jesus)

- Love God.
- Love People.

Patience as a Key Ingredient for Peopling

- **Patience:** the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.
- **Synonyms:** forbearance, tolerance, restraint, endurance, calmness, composure, even temperament

I. Why is Peopling so hard sometimes?

1. Because you aren't made like me.

“But in fact, God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!” *1 Corinthians 12:18-21 (NIV)*

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2. Because People “See Things Differently”.

“No one can really know what anyone else is thinking or what he is really like except that person himself.”

1 Corinthians 2:11a (TLB)

“I know you think you understand what you thought I said.

But I'm not sure you're aware that what you heard is not what I meant.”

Hypothetical wife explaining to Hypothetical husband

3 Ways Seeing Things Differently Can Lead to Misunderstanding and Conflict

- We use the same words but mean different things. ("It just makes a soft hum.")
- We assume there's only one right way to see things.
- We assume our way of seeing things is the right way. (Example: Pic of young or old lady)

II. How Can I be More Patient with People?

*"Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. **Be patient with everyone.**"*
1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NLT)

1. Give them a **break** because God gives **YOU a break**.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

Example: "The Forgiven Man Who Wouldn't Forgive" Mathew 18:21-35

2. Try to **understand their point of view** and **why they have it**.

- "Everyone has **A STORY**."

A man's insight gives him patience, and his virtue is to overlook an offense." Proverbs 19:11 (BSB)

"Never judge a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."

Native American Proverb

Example: story of unruly kids on subway (7 Habits)

- Practice **LISTENING**

1. **7%** of the meaning of what you say is communicated with your words.
2. **43%** of the meaning is communicated with your tone and delivery.
3. **50%** of the meaning is communicated with non-verbal language – like facial expressions and body language.

3. The Golden Rule: Treat other people the way **you want to be treated**.

"Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets."
Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. What is something or someone that represents patience to you?
2. Do you find it difficult to be patient? If so, what tends to make you impatient?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. What benefits do you think patience can bring to your relationships with others?