

Climb:
Invest In Relationships
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“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “‘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.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:36-40 (NLT2)

Why Invest In Relationships

1. Deepening Relationships Create Joy.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **because of your partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now, **being confident of this**, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6 (NIV)

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.” John 17:13 (NIV)

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.” Genesis 2:18 (NLT2)

2. Deepening Relationships Display Trust.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:7-8 (NIV)

Was I wrong when I humbled myself and honored you by preaching God’s Good News to you without expecting anything in return? I “robbed” other churches by accepting their contributions so I could serve you at no cost. 2 Corinthians 11:7-8 (NLT2)

3. Deepening Relationships Inspire Growth.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in **knowledge** and **depth of insight**, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)