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## **PRINCIPLE 1**

You cannot give what you have not received.

Until you fully receive the love Jesus has for you...you will continually struggle to give love to others.

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Some people are harsh because they have never experienced grace. Some people withdraw because they have never felt secure love.

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But when you understand the cross... when you understand that He laid His life down for you...then love stops being a concept and becomes a conviction.

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Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

- Love is sacrificial.
- Love is intentional.
- Love is committed... and International Christian Center is built because of love.

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## **PRINCIPLE 2**

Choose relationships carefully

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Proverbs 12:26  
New King James Version

26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray.

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Not everyone is assigned  
to your inner circle.

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Jesus had...

**12** - disciples

**3** - He showed His glory to (Peter, James, John)

**1** - He shared secrets with (John)

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Not everyone gets the same access.  
Undefined relationships create  
unnecessary mess.

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If you do not define the relationship,  
people will define it for you.  
Consequently, that is how feelings get  
hurt. Somebody must step up and  
define it.

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### **PRINCIPLE 3**

Test love in messy moments

What someone does tells you who they  
are.

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Watch how they respond when...

- + You make a mistake
- + They make a mistake
- + Pressure shows up
- + Offense creeps in

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Mess reveals maturity.  
Healthy love does not run  
at the first sign of difficulty.  
It grows through it.

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## RELATIONSHIP CHECKLIST

Ask yourself...

Do they have a personal relationship  
or a religious one with Jesus?

Do they demonstrate integrity?

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Do they maintain healthy  
relationships elsewhere?

Are they loyal?

How do they handle correction?

How do they handle conflict?

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Since you know what kind of relationship you need in your life, you must create your own checklist.

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**WARNING**  
**The I Do not Need Anyone Syndrome**

When relationships hurt us...  
We retreat.  
We build walls.

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Although we may say “I do not need anyone” isolation is not protection. It is slow destruction. You were created for connection

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If ICC is becoming a place for ALL and a place for YOU for generations...

We must be built on:

- + Love
- + Defined relationships
- + Healthy boundaries

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- + Mature conversations
- + Grace in messy moments

Because we are not just building a church. We are building people. We are building community. We are building spaces where transformation happens.

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Martin Luther King Jr. said, “Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.”

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We are declaring that at  
International Christian Center:

Love will transform **offense** into  
**forgiveness.**

Love will transform **strangers** into  
**family.**

Love will transform **pain** into **purpose.**

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Because **love** built this place.

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Have I fully received the love of  
Jesus or am I still trying to earn it?

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Are my closest relationships aligned  
with the future God is building in me?

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What relationship do I need to define,  
restore, or release this week?

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A Place for All. A Place for *You.*



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