

The Secret of Deep Relationships

SERIES: "HOW TO HAVE SATISFYING RELATIONSHIPS"
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KEY VERSE

*...Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him.
-1 Corinthians 9:22b (TLB)*

COMMON RELATIONSHIP ERRORS:

1. _____:
Your whole attention is on designing and preparing your next comment.
2. _____:
Negatively labeling people can be extremely limiting.
3. _____:
You take everything people tell you and refer it back to your own experience.
4. _____:
You are the "great problem solver"!
5. _____:
This bad habit has you arguing and debating with people who never feel heard because you are so quick to disagree.
6. _____:
You will go to great lengths [twist the facts, start shouting, make excuses or accusations, call up the past] to avoid being wrong.
7. _____:
You suddenly change the subject.
8. _____ "The Nod":
*"Right, Absolutely, I know, of course you are, Incredible, Really?"
You want to be nice, pleasant, and supportive. You want people to like you, so you agree with everything.*
9. _____:
You pretend to listen but really tune the other person out while you drift off into your interior fantasies.



SECRETS OF DEEP RELATIONSHIP:

1. _____ out common ground with others, for the sake of Jesus.
*...I try to find common ground with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ.
-1 Corinthians 9:22b (NLT)*
2. _____ the moments to serve.
*For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others..
-Matthew 20:28a (NLT)*
*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..
-1 Peter 4:10a (NIV)*
*What you do to serve others not only provides for the needs of God's people, but also produces more and more prayers of thanksgiving to God.
-2 Corinthians 9:12 (GW)*
3. _____ of preferring others.
*A new command I give you: Love one another: As I have loved you, so you must love one another:
-John 13:34 (NIV)*
*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor:
-Romans 12:10 (ESV)*
*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works.
-Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)*
4. _____ for opportunities to share Christ.
*As you share your faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Christ has given us.
-Philemon 1:6 (CEV)*
*Then he said, "Go into the world...and announce the Message of God's good news to one and all."
-Mark 16:15 (MSG)*

ANSWER KEY:

Rehearsing: Judging: Identifying: Advising: Debating: Being Right: Derailing: Placating:
Dreaming: Seeking: Settling the Issue: Searching

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