

Barrier To Deep Relationships

SERIES: "HOW TO HAVE SATISFYING RELATIONSHIPS"
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KEY VERSE

*Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me."
-Matthew 16:24 (NLT)*

4 BIBLICAL SOLUTIONS TO DENY "S.E.L.F."

1. S _____ to serve _____ in all I do.

*Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God?...If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.
-Galatians 1:10 (NIV)*

2. E _____ and _____ with what I have.

*I'm not saying this because I'm in any need. I've learned to be content in whatever situation I'm in. I know how to live in poverty or prosperity. No matter what the situation, I've learned the secret of how to live when I'm full or when I'm hungry, when I have too much or when I have too little. I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.
-Philippians 4:11-13 (GW)*

3. L _____ a life worth _____.

*Scripture says, "Be holy, because I am holy."
-1 Peter 1:16 (GW)*

*In all things you yourself must be an example of good behavior.
-Titus 2:7a (TEV)*

*Be an example to all believers in what you teach, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.
-1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)*



4. F _____ give of my _____, _____, and _____.

*I have chosen a life of faithfulness.
-Psalms 119:30 (GW)*

THREE CHOICES I MUST MAKE TODAY.

A. I must choose to: _____.

*Teach us to use wisely all the time we have.
-Psalms 90:12 (CEV)*

B. I must choose to: _____.

*Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well.
-1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)*

C. I must choose to: _____.

*Live generously.
-Matthew 5:42 (MSG)*

*You have been treated generously, so live generously.
-Matthew 10:8 (MSG)*

*...Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.
-Matthew 5:48 (MSG)*

ANSWER KEY:

Strive/God; Express Thankfulness/Contentment; Live/Emulating; Faithfully/Time; Talents; Treasures; Wisely Use My Time; Faithfully Share My Talents; Generously Give of My Treasures

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