

LEARNING TO LOVE

Based on the book by Willard Tate

Part 1; Developing the Capacity to Love - Lesson 1 - 1/3/21

Intro: Willard Tate was once asked if he had the chance, what would be the one thing he would pass on to the next generation if he could. His reply was, *they should know that the key to life is the ability to E _____ and M _____ long-lasting relationships. Long-lasting relationships with G _____, with F _____ and FR _____, and even a good relationship with Y _____!*
The key to life is certainly isn't in what you O _____, or in what you have D _____. It's in the lives that have influenced you and that you have influenced!

What do we get out of life when we can establish and maintain these long-lasting relationships with God, our family and friends, and ourselves?

One of the keys to these relationships is to believe in yourself. What standards do you use when you are determining your success in life?

Are there wrong standards to use? If so, what are they?

* Our greatest source of worth in life is the value of what "C _____ in us" is worth!

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* *There is no greater desperation in the world than the feeling of utter loneliness that comes to those who don't have any such relationships. Willard Tate*

How do we build these relationships?

In one word, what is the basis of such relationships?

* These relationships do not come N _____ LY to us! We can't just "wing it". The good news is that we can L _____ from God how to do it.

Read Ro. 5:5 - Why does "hope" not put us to shame?

Now read Ro. 5:1-4. We can have strong relationships because:

We are strong when we are _____ by _____ (5:1).

We are strong when we have _____ with _____ (5:1).

We are strong when we have obtained access to God's _____ (5:2).

We are strong when we _____ in our _____ (5:2).

We are strong when we can rejoice in _____ because we know that produces _____ (5:3).

We are strong because endurance produces _____ and that in turn produces _____ (5:4).

** Before we can give love to others, we need to feel loved and feel good about ourselves - Willard Tate*

What advice do the following scriptures give us about healthy relationships?

Colossians 4:6

Ephesians 4:15

Ephesians 4:26

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Proverbs 27:9

Proverbs 15:30

1 Peter 4:8

Galatians 6:9

John 13:34

Romans 12:9-10

1 Tim. 2:1/Romans 8:26