

LEARNING TO LOVE

Based on the book by Willard Tate

Part 2: Reaching Out To Others In Love - Lesson 8

Four Ways To Change Your World

Intro: Willard Tate said the first way to change our world was to give others "unconditional acceptance". The second way to change our world is to offer "unconditional forgiveness". The third way is to become a "people builder" and the fourth way is to learn to "express love".

Do you like to receive compliments? Do you feel like you receive entirely too many compliments?

How would you define what a "people builder" is?

I. Willard Tate's Four Ways to Become People Builders.

1) People are the most important things in L_____ ; they are worth F_____ ING for! (Isa.43:1-4)

2) In every human contact, every time we interact with someone, we make an I_____ on them.

It will be P_____ or N_____! (Eph.5:15-17)

* Sometimes it is the little things that make the biggest difference! Three ways to give compliments:

- Compliment a person D_____ and not just to others. (Ro.15:2)
- Look him/her in the E_____.
- Make it SP_____ IC!
- Keep it B_____!
- Be sure it is H_____.

** Be generous in your distribution of S_____! (Pro.15:30)

3) Never forget, what you give to others; you give to Y_____. (Gal.6:7).

* Are you a bucket F_____ ER or a bucket SP_____ ER? Are you a candle GL_____ ER or a candle

B_____ ER? Are you a balcony person that reaches down and pulls people _____ or a basement person that

reaches up and pulls people _____? *Willard Tate*

4) Be Prepared

a. What we did last week, prepares us for T_____ W_____!

* It matters how we W_____. It matters how we P_____. It matters how we S_____. It matters if we fill our hearts with _____!

LEARNING TO EXPRESS LOVE

Intro: The fourth way we can change our world is to learn to express love. *You can't live without P_____ touch and you never OUT_____ that hunger!* (Tate)

1. In what ways do we show value to people by using our touch? (See also Mark 1:40-45)

** There is a hunger in America today that's greater than all the stomach pains caused by lack of food. It is skin hunger - the great need to be touched in a loving way. Sidney Simon (author)*

Fathers need to set the example in this! (We learn to love as our fathers taught us) *If you wait for an emergency to cause you to recognize your blessing, you will probably wait too late.* (Tate)

Dr. Jody Crumbliss on why they did not have a TV when his children were young: *Well, I just decided I wanted to get to know my children, and my wife, too. I also made a promise to rock and read to each child every night!*

2. Saying " I Love You".

a. In what ways do we express our love without saying "I Love You"?

b. Reasons why we should tell people we love them:

- Life is S_____!
- You just don't know when people N_____ it!
- You don't want to live in R_____!
- It helps someone's M_____ and P_____ health!
- It tells people how I_____ they are!
- That's how Jesus lived! (Matt.5:43-48)