



RAISING THE BAR

In Our Relationships



Matthew 10:39-

He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

The Heart of a Servant

John 13:14-

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

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- **John 13:34** A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.
- **John 13:35** By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.
- **Romans 12:10** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves

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- **Romans 12:16** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.
- **Ephesians 5:21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- **Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other & forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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- **Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.
- **Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider how we spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
- **1 Peter 3:8** Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.
- **1 John 3:11** This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

What Limits Growth?

Gossip

- **Proverbs 16:28** A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.
- **Proverbs 13:3** Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- **Titus 3:1--2** Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

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- **James 1:19** So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
- **Revelation 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

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Gossip

- **Romans 14:4** Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
- **James 4:11** Do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

What Limits Growth?

Selfishness/ Laziness

- **Acts 20:35** In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
- **2 Corinthians 5:15** And he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.
- **Colossians 3: 23** Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

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Selfishness/ Laziness

- **Proverbs 20:13** Love not sleep, lest you come to poverty; open your eyes, and you will have plenty of bread.
- **Philippians 2:3--5** Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus.

What Limits Growth?

Complaining

- **1 Peter 4:19** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- **Philippians 2:14** Do all things without grumbling or questioning,
- **Proverbs 17:20** A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Heart of Anguish

- **Ezekiel 36:26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- **Matthew 9:36** But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.
- **Romans 10:1** Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.

Heart of Anguish

– **2 Timothy 3:1--5** But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!