

## Developing Lasting Relationships Father's Day 2018

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### I. Developing lasting relationships requires **PATIENCE.**

Colossians 1:10-12 – <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the saints' inheritance in the light.  
(CSB)

Proverbs 19:11 – Sensible people control their temper; they earn respect by overlooking wrongs. (NLT)

### II. Developing lasting relationships requires **TRUTHFULNESS.**

Ephesians 4:15 – But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. (CSB)

1 Corinthians 13:6 – Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. (CSB)

A. Check your **MOTIVES**

Matthew 7:3-5 – Why do you look at the splinter in your brother's eye but don't notice the beam of wood in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' and look, there's a beam of wood in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First take the beam of wood out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's eye. (CSB)

B. Plan your **PRESENTATION.**

1. **PRAY** before you say it

2. Plan **WHEN** you'll say it.

Proverbs 25:11– A word spoken at the right time is like gold apples in silver settings. (CSB)

3. Plan **WHAT** you'll say.

Proverbs 25:12 – A wise correction to a receptive ear is like a gold ring or an ornament of gold. (CSB)

4. Plan **HOW** you'll say.

Proverbs 12:18 – There is one who speaks rashly, like a piercing sword; but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (CSB)

Say it **TACTFULLY**

Proverbs 16:21 – Anyone with a wise heart is called discerning, and pleasant speech increases learning. (CSB)

Say it **LOVINGLY**

Say it **GENTLY**

Proverbs 15:1 – A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath. (CSB)

### III. Growing your family requires **FORGIVENESS.**

Ephesians 4:31-32 – <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander be removed from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. (CSB)

Colossians 3:13 – bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. (CSB)

Matthew 7:2 – For you will be judged by the same standard with which you judge others, and you will be measured by the same measure you use. (CSB)

### **Thought For The Week:**

Nothing will stunt the growth a natural or spiritual family more than **an unforgiving heart.**

Nothing will help the growth of a natural or spiritual family more than **a forgiving heart.**