

POSITIVE LIVING

THE POWER OF POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

POSITIVE LIVING, PART 3

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“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” — **Philippians 2:4 (NIV)**

WHEN I AM IN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS:

1. I GIVE AND RECEIVE _____.

MEMORY VERSE

“Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”
— **Ephesians 4:29**

“Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.” — **Philippians 2:14-15**

2. I GIVE AND RECEIVE _____.

“Then Job spoke again: ‘I have heard all this before. What miserable comforters you are!...I could say the same things if you were in my place. I could spout off my criticisms against you and shake my head at you. But that’s not what I would do. I would speak in a way that helps you. I would try to take away your grief.’”
— **Job 16:1-2, 4-5**

“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”
— **2 Corinthians 1:4**

- Be open and honest about your _____.
- Do not be afraid to _____.
- Be alert for _____.

3. I GIVE AND RECEIVE _____.

“The words of the wise are like cattle prods—painful but helpful. Their collected sayings are like a nail-studded stick with which a shepherd drives the sheep.”
— **Ecclesiastes 12:11**

“Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” — **Ephesians 4:16**

4. I GIVE AND RECEIVE _____.

“I have no one else like him (Timothy), who takes a genuine interest in your welfare. For everyone looks out for his own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel.” — **Philippians 2:20-22**

- Admit your _____.

“Don’t be selfish; don’t live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself.” — **Philippians 2:3**

- Know your _____.

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” — **Ephesians 2:10**

- Look to serve _____.

“But anyone who does not love does not know God – for God is love.” — **1 John 4:8**

To Build Positive Relationships:

- I will Memorize Ephesians 4:29.
- I will seek to encourage others that I come into contact with.
- I will be a comfort to those in sorrow or distress.
- I agree to receive encouragement and help from others when I am in need.