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INVESTING IN OTHERS SUCCESSFULLY

John 13:34-35

Luke 18:27, Jesus replied, "What is **IMPOSSIBLE** with man is **POSSIBLE** with God."

Romans 12:18, If it is **POSSIBLE**, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

Matthew 18:19, "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth **AGREE ABOUT ANYTHING** they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."

❖ **Agree - *sumphoneo* - to be harmonious, in one accord**

Hebrews 10:25; Exodus 18:13-23

Jesus' Model for Interpersonal Ministry

John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. **AS I HAVE LOVED YOU**, so you **MUST** love one another."

F - Finding Treasure

R - Relying on Real Love

I - Investing in Other Successfully

"I never met a man I didn't like." - Will Rogers

Why Heart Connection Is So Hard?

1) Our hearts have been BROKEN

Matthew 24:12 (ESV), And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

John 2:24, But Jesus **would not entrust himself** to them, for he knew all people.

Proverbs 12:26, The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

2) TRUST is tricky

Isaiah 2:22, Stop trusting in mere humans, who have but a breath in their nostrils . . .

Psalms 40:4 (NET), **How blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD and does not seek help** from the proud or from liars.

❖ **Heart connection happens well where there is trust.**

❖ **Trust is proven through faithfulness.**

How Do We Invest In One Another Successfully?

1) Treasure **HUMILITY**

Proverbs 22:24, **Humility** is the fear of the LORD; its wages are riches and honor and life.

Proverbs 26:27-28, ²⁷Whoever digs a pit will fall into it; if someone rolls a stone, it will roll back on them. ²⁸A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin.

2) Talk **HONESTLY**

Proverbs 27:6, Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Matthew 5:8, Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Proverbs 10:9, Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.

3) Be **HELPFUL**

Proverbs 3:27, Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?