

Personal Relationship 1

The Bible has given us several very important revelations:

1. God created community
2. Satan destroyed community
3. Lord Jesus brings reconciliation between people (Eph 2:14)
4. God wants us to learn how to have better personal relationship (Matt 7:12, Lk 6:31)
5. Personal relationship depends not so much on techniques and skills as in sincerity, love, affection and respect (1 Cor 13)

What affects personal relationship?

1. Self understanding
2. Understanding of others (How to cope with others, How to handle differences)
3. Positive or negative mentality
4. Forgiveness or hatred
5. Communication
6. Love
7. Self-centredness or self-sacrificing
8. Friendly or antagonistic attitude
9. Self-image and sense of security
10. Prejudice or objectiveness
11. Handling of conflict and pressure
12. Faithfulness
13. Personal relationship with God

Conditions in establishing personal relationship

Self-acceptance / open-minded / interacting / taking initiative / faithful / mature / stable / strong sense of security / caring of self-hygiene / keeping secrets / self-affirmative / respecting / humorous / lovely / being Christ-like / attractive / generous / cherishing relations / gentle / tolerant / not jealous / responsible / loyal / frank / listening / caring / expressive / sincere / encouraging / easy-going / good / single-minded / love / rapport / not seeking reward / self-denying / meek / communicating / amiable / courteous / kind / smiling / genuine / no nonsense / empathetic / trustworthy / loving and being loved / bearing one another in truth / objective

Actions and mentality that may destroy personal relationship

selfish / introvert / direct / not appreciating / no integrity / no truth / no response to others / unhealthy self-image / no respect / not caring / over-relying / task-oriented / authoritarian / not serious

Good communication skills

taking initiative ; using body language ; not to be loquacious ; listening ; understanding of feeling ; bold to express ; showing interest ; summing up and affirming ; positively encouraging ; gifts ; be considerate to other's weaknesses ; empathetic ; insisting in communication ; communicating at suitable times and moods ; careful in speech; respect ; be generous; ; fooling around together ; loving