

Selection & Sacrifice

Series: People Principles – Part 3

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People Principle #5: Selection

A. What _____ means.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 (NLT) *Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.*

1 Corinthians 5:11 (NLT) *I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people.*

B. What's on the _____?

1. _____ potential.

2. _____ focus.

"People who are not going anywhere in life have already arrived." -V. H. Moody-

3. _____.

Matthew 20:28 (TLB) *Your attitude must be like my own, for I, {Jesus} the Messiah, did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give...*

People Principle #6: Sacrifice

John 3:16 (NLT) *For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

1 John 3:16 (NCV) *This is how we know what real love is: Jesus gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

A. _____ . (Luke 15:11-24)

B. _____ .

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Selection questions to apply to all relationships

- What unpleasant things are you putting up with in your life as a result of current relationships?
- Are you embracing anything you have never allowed before in your life because of the influence of a current relationship? What is it?
- Is there something that previously repulsed you that you now accept because of a current relationship?
- Have you lowered your standards because of the influence of a person in your life?

Relationship selection reminders

- Selectivity is the best way to keep from wasting time with people whose intentions are not for you.
- Selectivity is not arrogant or narrow-minded. It is a biblical approach which if ignored can kill your destiny.
- The qualification and selection process puts the right people around you and eliminates the wrong ones.
- Do not give the best years of your life away to the wrong people.
- Loyalty by you and others is a key component in the selection process.
- Accepting people is not the same as approving their behavior. Acceptance and approval are different.
- Other than marriage, we must not be afraid to end relationships that need to be ended.

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Relationship sacrifice reminders

- ❑ Though sacrifice is necessary for relationships, don't ever sacrifice your character, integrity, biblical values or your walk with God for anyone.
- ❑ Relationships carry a cost. Be willing to invest in them knowing that relationships are vital to fulfilling God's purpose for your life.
- ❑ Anything worth having is worth the sacrifice. The more value the relationship has in your life, the more sacrifice may be required.
- ❑ Most often the greatest returns we get in relationships are those we invest the most in.
- ❑ Our love for God and love for people work hand in hand with each other.

Great relationships will require continued investment of time, energy, care and communication. Failure to invest in a relationship will lead to its death.