



2 Corinthians 13:11

Colossians 2:1-3

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

Hebrews 3:12-13

The apostle Paul reveals 3 choices that dramatically improve our important relationships

Deal with Real Issues (v. 25-27)

Speak the truth (v. 25)

"falsehood" = pseudo-honesty

See through anger (v. 26-27)

Anger is a secondary issue

When anger is allowed to grow, Satan gets an opportunity

Application

What one step do you want to take this week to strengthen the relationships that matter most to you?

Do Your Part Unselfishly (v. 28-29)

We are designed to be financially productive (v. 28)

Work is part of moral excellence

The goal is to earn enough to share

We are designed to be encouraging

"unwholesome" = rotten

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The one who gets wisdom loves life. - Proverbs 19:8

Dare to Forgive (v. 30-32)

Forgiveness brings spiritual freedom (v. 30)

Forgiveness brings emotional freedom (v. 31)

4 Reasons forgiveness is vital

Jesus calls us to

If you don't, you will continue to pay the price for other peoples' harmful behavior

Bitterness will grow if you don't

You will become like the people you are bitter toward

Forgiveness brings relational freedom (v. 32)

My Action Points

Whenever you get angry, ask, "What is the real issue?"

Set a goal for the amount you want to share with others

Give God permission to show you who you need to forgive whenever He knows you are ready

Small Group Questions



Personal Response

Did any of the relationship strategies from this week's message make a significant impact on your heart?

Story of your life

Describe a time in your life when you discovered the "real" issue in an important relationship and how it changed the way you interacted with that person.

Digging Deeper

Look up the following passages and describe the role encouragement has in our vital relationships:

Psalms 10:17-18

Romans 1:11-12

Romans 15:5-6