

CREDIBILITY: HOW TO BUILD TRUST
Building Deep Relationships - THE GOD WAY

"Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it."
Romans 12:9a (MSG)

TALK WITH HONESTY

"... Do not lie..." Leviticus 19:11 (NIV)

An honest talk is:

- **TRUTHFUL**

"An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." Proverbs 24:26 (NIV)

- **THOUGHTFUL**

"... speaking the truth in love..." Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

- **CLEAR**

"Simply [let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No']; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." Matthew 5:37 (NIV)

RESPECT THEIR NEEDS

"Show respect for all people..." 1 Peter 2:17 (NCV)

"... a wife must respect her husband." Ephesians 5:33 (NCV)

"... you husbands must give honor to your wives... [If you don't] treat her as you should so your prayers will not be [heard]." 1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)

How to show respect:

- 1) Listen!
- 2) Practice the 10 to 1 Rule.
- 3) Celebrate the victories in their life.
- 4) Tell somebody how great they are behind their back.
- 5) Praise God for them!

UNDERSTAND THEIR PERSPECTIVE

"Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others." Philippians 2:4 (NCV)

START SMALL

"[Unless] you are faithful in [small matters], you [won't] be faithful in large ones. But if you [cheat even a little], you won't be honest with greater responsibilities." Luke 16:10 (NLT)

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV)

"Doing right brings freedom to honest people, but those who are not trustworthy will be caught by their own desires." Proverbs 11:6 (NCV)

TAKE TIME

"... Be patient with everyone." 1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NCV)

"Love is patient..." 1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT)

"Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." 1 Corinthians 13:7 (NLT)

"The LORD is [faithful to all His] promises and [loving toward all He has made]." Psalms 145:13 (NIV)

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