

Decatur SDA Church

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## Refining Relationship

1. **Honesty** (Eph. 4:14,15) - Be honest with yourself and others. You cannot have true community without candor.

- a. An honest answer is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 24:26, TEV).
- b. Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are \_\_\_\_\_ should restore him \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 6:1).
- c. "Many [churches] remain superficial because they are afraid of \_\_\_\_\_."<sup>1</sup>
- d. "The tunnel of conflict is the passageway to intimacy in any relationship."<sup>2</sup>
- e. Ecc. 8:6 says, "For there is a proper \_\_\_\_\_ and procedure for \_\_\_\_\_ matter."<sup>3</sup>

2. **Humility** (1 Peter 5:5) - Thinking about yourself less.

- a. "Pride builds \_\_\_\_\_ between people; humility builds \_\_\_\_\_."<sup>3</sup>
- b. Develop Humility
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ your own weaknesses.
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ with other people's weaknesses. (Ps. 103:14)
  - iii. Be open to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iv. Point the \_\_\_\_\_ on others.

3. **Courtesy** (Titus 3:1, 2)- "Respecting our differences, being considerate to each others' feelings, and being patient with people who irritate us."<sup>4</sup>

- a. "In a family...we \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."<sup>5</sup>
- b. Romans 12:10 says, "Be \_\_\_\_\_ to one another in brotherly \_\_\_\_\_ one another above \_\_\_\_\_."<sup>6</sup>
- c. "One key [to being more courteous] is to understand where people are coming from. Discover their history. When you know what they've been through, you will be more understanding. Instead of thinking about how far they still have to go, you'll think about how far they have come despite their obstacles."<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*, p. 146

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid, p. 148

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 149

<sup>5</sup> Ibid, p. 149.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.