



Today's Lesson

Love's Classroom Part 2

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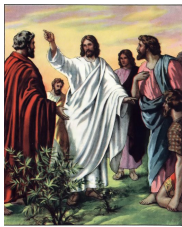
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You can't have a relationship without any fights, but you can make your relationship worth the fight.

If love's classroom is our relationships with other people, what does it take to keep those relationships running smoothly?

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The Master Teacher had this to say about reconciliation with others, "If you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering." Matt 5:23

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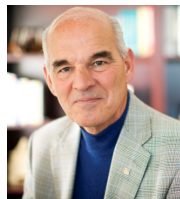
It's all about creating a prayerful and loving consciousness before giving your gift to the Divine.

THE BEST PERSON TO TALK TO ABOUT THE PROBLEMS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS THE PERSON YOU'RE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH

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In his article for Unity Magazine Making Decisions for Love, author Glenn Van Ekeren writes:

Relationships are the driving force behind most everything we do in life. The older I get, the more convinced I am of the direct correlation between our success with relationships and virtually everything of significance in life.



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When relationships are successful, life is good, but when they fail, along with them go health, prosperity, happiness and the joy of living.

No matter what we choose to do in life, there is a common denominator...people.

The ability or inability to cultivate quality relationships is a choice. The tricky part is to not allow the way another person chooses to treat us to determine how we choose to treat them.

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Someone once said that kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.

What does this mean for our relationships, and how does this show up for us? For me it looks and feels like:

Omnipotent

Illumined

Love

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**DON'T LET
SOMEONE
CHANGE WHO
YOU ARE, TO
BECOME WHAT
THEY NEED**

Relationships constantly require us to make choices. At times those choices can be very difficult because it creates in us a need, and an attempt, to change the person or persons we are in a relationship with.

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The late Eric Butterworth had this to say about our interactions with others in his book Celebrate Yourself:

The attempt to change people is the greatest waste of all, not because people can't change, but because change is a growth process from within. In most cases the desire arises from the subtle urge to make him/her into something he/she is not.

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All the persons about whom you are concerned, no matter how much you love or hate them, exist (as far as you are concerned) in your mind, your prejudices, your concerns. Though it is certainly possible to be an influence for good in bringing about great changes, the process involves something you do within yourself.

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Eric gives us four ways in which we may use the oil of omnipotent illumined love to allow for healthy change in any of our relationships.

1. Pray about the person, but keep in mind that much of what you are praying is little more than concentrated worry.

Pray to lift your consciousness so you can rise above your human perspective, concern, and worry.

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Keep in mind all prayer is to release the divine in you, to feel at peace, to salute the divinity within the person you are holding in prayer.

2. Establish yourself in the conviction of the divinity of each person. Practice believing in people. Instead of looking for what is wrong with the person, look for what is right with the person.

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3. Make a conscious choice to meet and greet people in an attitude of love and acceptance. We can't control the actions or behavior of another person, but certainly we can regulate what we react negatively to.
4. Hold the high watch, the light; allow the door of opportunity for change to stay open so when he or she is ready they can cross the threshold.

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Be the change you want to see manifest in the relationship. Allow yourself the sense of release as you trust that spirit is always active in our life and affairs. Remember that in a very real sense the only way you can change what another person is and does is by changing your thoughts of concern, and by committing him or her into the Father's keeping.

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As I prepare to close today's lesson I'd like to leave you with one of the best relationships I have ever known.

**I love my relationship
with my bed.
No commitment needed.
We just sleep together
every night.**



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