

NORTHERN HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

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The Relationship Principles of Jesus

Principle #1: Place the Highest Value on Relationships

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“A new command I give you, love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34

“For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning; that we should love one another.” 1 John 3:11

“Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving each other, Just as God in Christ has forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32

1. Asking: What’s worth my **TIME**?

*“But Martha was the jittery type and was worrying over the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, ‘Sir, doesn’t it seem unfair to You that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.’ But the Lord said to her, ‘Martha, dear friend, you are so upset over all these details! There is really **only one thing worth being concerned about.** Mary has discovered it – and I won’t take it away from her!”* Luke 10:40-41 (TLB)

2. Asking: Who’s worth my **TRUST**?

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 19:19

“A Jew was going on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes and money and beat him up and left him lying half-dead beside the road. By chance a Jewish priest came along; and when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road

and passed him by. A Jewish Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but then went on. But a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw him, he felt deep pity. Kneeling beside him the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his donkey and walked along beside him till they came to an inn, where he nursed him through the night. The next day he handed the innkeeper two twenty dollar bills and told him to take care of the man. ‘If his bill runs higher than that’, he said, ‘I’ll pay the difference the next time I am here.’ Now which one of these three would you say was a neighbor to the bandits’ victim? Luke 10:30-36 (TLB)

3. Asking: Who’s worth **MORE**?

“Aren’t two sparrows sold for a penny yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-31 (NIV)

“God made man and woman to be joined together permanently in marriage.” Mark 10:6 (NIV)

“Therefore a man is to leave his father and mother, and he and his wife are united so that they are no longer two, but one.” Mark 10:7-8 (TLB)

“And no man may separate what God has joined together.” Mark 10:9 (TLB)

“All people will know that you are My followers if you love each other.” John 13:35 (NCV)