

What Are You Building in Others

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I. Introduction.

A. There are things we build in faithful men. (II Timothy 2:2)

B. Text: II Corinthians 11.

II. Doctrine.

A. We must begin with truth—Jesus Christ is truth.

B. There are many ways to get truth into our lives.

C. We model and incarnate doctrine.

III. Lifestyle.

A. Doctrine and lifestyle are inseparable.

B. We hear, see, study and handle the Word of Life to impact others. (I John 1:1)

C. The essence of love is vulnerability.

D. We have to have security in our relationship with Christ for this.

IV. Purpose.

A. We need goals.

B. If you cannot cite your goal in twenty-five words or less, you do not have goals.

C. Goals need to be realistic and attainable.

V. Faith.

A. A little faith in the promises of God is more valuable than a lot of faith in something else.

B. The issue is not how much faith but the object of one's faith.

C. Doubting questions are good to ask, but one must not live there.

VI. Longsuffering and patience.

VII. Love.

A. If someone says he or she no longer loves you then he or she never loved you in the first place.

B. Jesus took on servant clothes and washed the disciple's dirty feet when He knew that the next day He would be dead.

VIII. Failure.

A. People learn more about Christ by watching us cope with failure.

B. Our society is so geared towards success that many Christians do not have a biblical view of failure. (Philippians 4:12, II Corinthians 13:4)

IX. Conclusion. The bottom line of human experience is the character of God.

Application questions:

1. Why is doctrine important?

2. What challenges do you face in becoming more vulnerable? How can you better face these challenges?

3. What promises can you claim for others? Find some Scripture to affirm these promises and write those verses below.
