

PEOPLE-BUILDERS

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Loving Well in a Crazy World, part 6

All of us need to be built up.

Who has been there to build you up?

BIG IDEA: Building others up—as a choice and a lifestyle—changes you and practically everything in your world. Be a PEOPLE-BUILDER.

"It is in giving that we now receive." **Francis of Assisi**

"So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another." **Romans 14:19 CSB**

"Each one of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." **Romans 15:2 CSB** (1 Thess. 5:11)

How do you promote peace? Build bridges. Forgive.

Apologize. Humble self. Give grace.

How do you build someone up?

1. _____ enough.

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." **Acts 4:13**

2. Choose to _____.

"No one should seek their own good, but the good of others." **1 Corinthians 10:24**

Barnabas & Saul (Acts 11:25)

Jesus and *Peter, James, John, Martha.*

LOVE SPOON. The circle of affirmation.

3. Pay attention to _____.

"A person finds joy in giving an apt reply—and how good is a timely word!" **Proverbs 15:23**

4. _____ words that infuse value, courage and perspective—how God sees them.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen." **Ephesians 4:29**

"love builds up." **1 Corinthians 8:1**

- Speak words of **their worth to God and you.**
- Speak words of **their gifting and potential.**
- Speak words of **belonging and inclusion.**

Are You BUILD-UPABLE? Pride, hurt, distance, wounds, guarded, denial