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Weekly Devotional

WEEK THREE -

A Simple Switch

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NLT)

Having good relationships really boils down to one simple thing, how are we behaving? If we are behaving properly towards one another, we will have good relationships, and if we are behaving badly, we will have poor relationships. It's just that simple. If we are having difficulty in our marriages, we only need to ask ourselves, how are we treating one another? How am “I” treating my spouse?

It can come down to simple things like manners, and common courtesy. Are we being considerate, or inconsiderate? Polite, or impolite? Are we taking one another for granted?

Matthew 7:12 tells us, *“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.* (NLT)

If we are not careful, everyday life, can allow us to become desensitized to one another and even common courtesy becomes ignored. We can begin to take one another for granted and treat each other accordingly. What was once a cheery greeting after a long day's work, can become like two ships

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passing in the night, barely taking notice of each other. That's no way to live.

If we will make a concentrated effort to treat each other well, make an effort to be kind and courteous, the tide can begin to turn. If we *give* the attention that we want to *receive*, and *extend* the affection that we want in return, we can begin to see the positive change in our marriages that we are seeking. Positive change can be as simple as that!

*Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another;
love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;*

1 Peter 3:8 (NKJV)