

V. MAINTAIN A LEVEL HEAD

“17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” Romans 12:17,19

Manage anger towards coworkers/schoolmates.

The stages of a declining conflict:

1. Remedy Stage - “Let’s fix the problem.”
2. Responsibility Stage - “Who caused the problem?”
3. Rights Stage - “I’m right so you must be wrong.”
4. Removal Stage - “Get rid of those people.”
5. Revenge Stage - “Make someone pay.”

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” Leviticus 19:18

VI. CHOOSE TO DO GOOD

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21

Be a positive force with coworkers/schoolmates.

“9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.” Galatians 6:9-10

Commit To Taking God To Work/School

BEST RELATIONSHIPS EVER

Best Coworkers/Schoolmates Ever

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INTRODUCTION

- A. The quality of your relationships determines the quality of your life! But the reality is...

Relationships can be hard. You may be lonely and lack relationships. On the other hand you may have relationships, but they are often unhealthy.

But imagine a life filled with a positive network of people that provide mutual happiness. You having a web of relationships that provide comfort and encouragement.

“Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11

God desires to strengthen your well being through relationships.

- B. Attend this teaching series and discover how to apply simple steps from the Bible for your best relationships ever! Here are the relationships that we will explore during this series:

Feb 26	Best Friendship Ever
Mar 5	Best Marriage Ever
TODAY	Best Coworkers/Schoolmates Ever
Mar 19	Best Family Ever
Mar 26	Best Church Ever
Apr 2	Best Love Ever

- C. **Text:** Romans 12:11-21

God wants you to do your best to get along with all of your coworkers/schoolmates.

“If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.” Romans 12:18

HOW TO HAVE THE BEST COWORKERS/SCHOOLMATES EVER

Relationship issues are almost always the biggest challenge in any work place or school.

- Demanding people.
- Dishonest people.
- Disagreeable people.
- Defensive people.
- Demeaning people.
- _____.

I. TAKE GOD TO WORK AND SCHOOL

“not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;”
Romans 12:11

Represent God to coworkers/schoolmates.

“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”
II Corinthians 5:20

- View your work as spiritual.

“And whatever you do, ...” Colossians 3:23a

“for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’”
Acts 17:28

- Complete your work with gusto.

“...do it heartily, ...:” Colossians 3:23b

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going..”
Ecclesiastes 9:10

- Perform your work for God.

“...as to the Lord and not to men,” Colossians 3:23c

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”
Colossians 3:17

- Know your work is eternal.

“knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”
Colossians 3:24

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
II Corinthians 5:10

II. KEEP CONVERSATIONS POSITIVE

“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.”
Romans 12:14

Bless coworkers/schoolmates, do not curse them.

“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”
Colossians 4:6

Grace means undeserved favor.

III. SHOW GENUINE CARE

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”
Romans 12:15

Congratulate and console coworkers/schoolmates.

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4

IV. VALUE OTHER OPINIONS

“Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”
Romans 12:16

Learn from coworkers/schoolmates.

“Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established.”
Proverbs 15:22