

- I. ONE THING—The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

II. APPLICATION AIDS

- A. Lesson Review: Take some time to go over your class notes from Tuesday. Write out the main ideas and your personal applications for each section of the message. Look up the scriptures referenced on the outline and write out the ones that are particularly meaningful to you. Ask God to make your One Thing a reality in your life this week.
- B. Pray, asking the Lord to counsel and train you in relating as you meditate on the 5 characteristics of the Mindset and Heartbeat of Jesus. Record any insights and applications in the space provided:
1. Encouragement—building up

 2. Consolation—comfort, refreshment

 3. Fellowship—sharing

 4. Affection—tender feelings

 5. Compassion—mercy, help

C. Examine your attitude toward the people God has called you to love. Ask the Holy Spirit to identify any unhealthy relating patterns as well as some practical and specific ways that you can put their interests ahead of your own:

- Marriage

- Mothering

- Ministry (those to whom you give or from whom you receive in your community of faith or family)

- Marketplace (career or volunteer)

D. Incorporate the following Scriptural principles into your thinking about people. Appropriate them by faith, asking the Lord to make them true of you in ever-increasing measure:

1. Setting the Tone: Eccl 10:5-6 MSG -- Here's a piece of bad business I've seen on this earth, an error that can be blamed on whoever is in charge: Immaturity is given a place of prominence, while maturity is made to take a back seat.
2. Dusting out your Pigeonholes: Jm 3:17 GNT -- But the wisdom from above is pure first of all; it is also peaceful, gentle, and friendly; it is full of compassion and produces a harvest of good deeds; it is free from prejudice and hypocrisy.
3. Renounce Competition and Cliquishness: Gal 5:19-21 MSG -- It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time...cutthroat competition; ...an impotence to love or be loved; ...the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; ...ugly parodies of community.
4. Accept Others' Weaknesses: Rom 15:1-7 NIV -- We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself...May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.
5. Submit to God's Correction: Heb 12:5-6 NLT -- Have you entirely forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you, his children? He said, "My child, don't ignore it when the Lord disciplines you, and don't be discouraged when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves