

Building Bridges With Your Words

Building Relational Bridges – Part 7 of 9

“Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.”
Romans 12:5 (GW)

Three Enemies of Community:

1. Selfish Words Destroy Relationships.

“What causes fights and quarrels? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you. You want something but you don’t get it.”
James 4:1

• Selflessness Build Them Up.

“Look out for one another’s interest, not just your own.”
Philippians 2:4 (TEV)

“The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others and ignoring God, harvests a crop of weeds. All he’ll have to show for it in his life is weeds.”
Galatians 6:7 (Mes)

2. Prideful Words Tear Down Relationships.

“Pride leads to arguments...”
Proverbs 13:10 (LB)

“Pride will destroy a person: A proud attitude leads to ruin.”
Proverbs 16:18 (NCV)

• Humility Strengthens Them.

“Live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble.”
1 Peter 3:8 (GW)

3. Insecure Words Hurt Relationships.

“The fear of human opinion disables...” Proverbs 29:25 (Mes)

Insecurity prevents intimacy

Adam: **“...I was afraid because I was naked and so I hid.”**
Genesis 3:10

• Loving Words Unites Them.

“All who proclaim that Jesus is the son of God have God living in them... We know how much God loves us, and we put our trust in him. God is love... And as we live in God, our love grows more and more perfect. So we will not be afraid...” 1 John 4:15-17 (NLT)

“The Lord says forget what happened before, and don’t think about the past. I’m going to do something new...and I will make rivers on a dry land.”
Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)

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