

Quality #1: Connecting with People

Partnership : The Ultimate Connection

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In preparation for practicing and mastering The Seven Principles of Intrinsic Validation, we would ask you to consider the principle of partnership and how this principle can assist you in more effectively connecting with others.

We will consider two forms of partnership:

1. Partnership with a higher power, by whatever name or conception you have.
2. Partnership with a spouse, committed companion or business person.

Consider the following questions:

If there is an abundant universe and we are to receive abundance, is it reasonable to believe that there is a power that governs abundance? Is there a power in the universe greater than me?

What name do I assign to this power? If you are struggling to give this power a name, know that we have no judgment around this question.

What is the primary mission of this power? Have you ever thought about that before? Could it be to that this power wants us to be happy, to experience joy, to live an abundant life filled with meaning and purpose? Can we gain agreement regarding this conclusion? Add anything you feel is important.

How can I be in alignment and congruent with this power and its mission?

To become congruent with this power, we have two basic options.

Option A: Hold our hands up to the heavens, call this power by name, and proclaim, "I am worthy to receive. Give me my piece of abundance."

Option B: Hold our hands up to the heavens, call this power by name, and ask, "How can I be an active partner in bringing abundance to the lives of others?"

Which of these two options is more likely to be congruent with this abundant power?

Which option feels more like a desire to escape and avoid stress, pain, and frustration?

Which option feels more like a desire to engage in life, embrace principles, connect with people, create value, and contribute to the world?

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What is the likelihood that Option B will result in a partnership and a more fulfilling, meaningful, purposeful, joyful, and abundant life?

Imagine the impact you could have if you approached each day consciously connecting as an active partner with this higher power in bringing abundance to the lives of others.

How would we start our day?

On what would we be more focused, us or others?

Would we focus on all the things we have to do, or all the things we want to create?

Would we be reactionary or proactive?

How would we proceed through the day?

What would be different in our communications, the conversations and connections with those we love the most?

Would we find the good?

Would we listen for doors?

How would we approach clients, customers, prospects, co-workers, employees, employers, managers, direct reports, and the strangers we meet on the street - every human being we encounter?

Would we be a walking, talking example of agape love?

What are the chances that we might look for opportunities to better serve others?

What are the chances that we might be more focused on their needs than on our private challenges and burdens?

How accountable would we want to be for how we invest our day?

Would we waste our day lamenting past mistakes or worrying about future events?

How accountable would we want to be for how we invested our natural or acquired talents?

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Would we be slothful and unwise or good and faithful partners?

As we learn to maximize our talents in the service of others, what are the chances that this abundant power will endow us with even more talent?

As partners who understand and apply these principles, how much more organized, focused, committed and productive might we "want" to be?

How would we approach tasks that otherwise might seem difficult, or boring, mundane and repetitious?

What impact would this have on our results?

How excited would we be to return and report the accomplishments of our day to our partner?

What are the chances that we will feel more alive, more valuable, more trusted, more trusting, more capable, more committed, and experience greater results?

What are the chances that this power will commute our life sentence and free us from our emotional and financial prison?

As we become increasingly abundant, what are the chances that we will become an even more effective partner?

And lastly, what are the chances that we will sleep peacefully in spite of the fiercely burning fires of life that may be raging around us?

Second, as we become a more active partner with our higher power, we will also want to become better partners with others; starting with those we love the most.

How might we respond differently to a partner in a loving relationship?

How about a business partner?

What might be the difference in the words we speak and the deeds we do?

What happens when we engage in harmful innuendo, sarcasm, the need to be right and unnecessary competition?

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What has it been like for the people to be in a relationship with us?

Have our thoughts been more focused on our needs or on the needs of the people we love?

Are we a giver or taker?

Are we a peacekeeper or scorekeeper?

Are we ever controlling, complacent and/or too comfortable?

If we want better partnerships, is it time to be a better partner?

As a partner in a loving relationship our sole mission is to bring abundance to our partner and then working together, to any children in that partnership. Every word and every deed will be designed to lift and build - inspire and encourage. Every thought will be about finding ways to bring out the very best in our partner and our children.

The Quality of Connecting with People requires that we become partners with the Power that governs abundance in bringing abundance to the lives of others. This may require holding our negative life experiences in a different way - engraving them on our hearts and owning them instead of dragging them behind us - so we are emotionally available to be a partner.

When we make the commitment to be a partner we will be given clarity. We will know what needs to be done. We will create deep and lasting relationships. We will be more focused and productive, creating different results in our own lives and the lives of others. Most importantly, we will create lasting, loving partnerships with the ones we love the most. All of the other qualities of becoming an Intentional Creator rest on the quality of Connecting with People.

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Assignment: Write a letter to your higher power.

In this letter, explain why you may have been resisting, holding back, resenting, angry with, or whatever might be the case for you. What has been your relationship or lack of relationship with this great power? What has happened in your past that has caused you to want to take this journey by yourself?

Speak boldly. Speak honestly. It's been our experience that this power is our greatest cheerleader and does not take offense. Talk openly. Talk candidly. Trust that there is a power greater than you that wants nothing more than to bring abundance and joy into your life as you bring joy and abundance into the lives of others. We recommend being a partner in every way, so that you can learn to trust this power and this power can trust you. It starts with connection.