

Devotional: Day 8: Be a People-Builder

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"In response to all He has done for us, let us outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good" (Hebrews 10:24)

As you know, Vel and I have focused the last two years on how we are to build each other up with encouragement. I once heard someone making a comment – words similar to ‘Discouragement is courage leaking out’

There's a price tag for being a people-builder: It requires **unselfishness**.

Why should we do it then? Because the Bible tells us to "Outdo each other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good" (Hebrews 10:24 TLB).

At some point, the Romans confuse the word *crustos* with the word *crestos*. *Crustos* means Christ; *Crestos*, in Latin, means kindness. In a roundabout way, that confusion can teach us something: Christians should be the kindest of all people. Simple but so forgotten!

In general, praise God we do not have this issue within the Worship Team, however as I pointed out at our Vision Evening, let's learn how to build on our successes!

I want to give you an objective: to be a people-builder for the rest of your life. Begin by writing down the name of *one* person in the team you want to help build up, then stop and pray.

Ask God to show you his or her strengths. We always build on our strengths, not on our weaknesses. Write down whatever strengths you've seen in him or her in the past. Be nice now!!

Then tell him or her, "I've been thinking about you because I really care about you. I wanted to share with you—from my viewpoint—the strengths I see in your life, because those strengths determine what God wants us to do in our lives."

Imagine the impact you could have if you would commit yourself to being a people-builder, if you determined to bring out the best in everyone within our team. **That's one of the purposes of the church: to help people to grow and to become what God made them to be.**