

Approachability Connections—Are You Approachable?

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Scripture References:

- Proverbs 18:24
- Matthew 7:1, 2, 12
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Colossians 3:13
- Proverbs 11:2
- Romans 12:15
- James 1:19
- John 3:17
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- Matthew 28:19, 20

Summary:

Spiritual maturity is something all Christians need. Being mature allows God to use us to reach others and win souls; however, we also have an emotional side that we can't ignore. We aren't robots; it's important to acknowledge our full range of emotions. Sometimes our feelings get in the way of drawing others to us and influencing them to want to be like us; we therefore must let God teach us to be emotionally mature. We invite others to approach us by being genuine, humble, empathetic, non-judgmental, and loving. Being approachable allows us to be living epistles and bring Jesus to those who desperately need Him.

Notes:

1. Following the golden rule Jesus tells us about helps us develop emotional maturity.
2. Emotionally mature people prefer to talk *with* others, not *at* them. They have genuine empathy for people and avoid judging them.
3. During His ministry, Jesus encouraged the people to treat others the way they, themselves, would like to be treated; this includes being approachable and open to others.
4. Characteristics to cultivate in ourselves to make us more approachable include being genuine, humble, empathetic, a good listener, non-judgmental, loving, honest, and willing to approach others.

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