

CSS 2004

We're dealing with a very dramatic and very fundamental paradigm shift here. You may try to lubricate your social interactions with personality techniques and skills but in the

process you may truncate the vital character base. You can't have the fruits without the roots. It's the principle of sequencing: Private victory precedes public victory. Self-mastery and self-discipline are the foundation of good relationship with others. Some people say that you have to like yourself before you can like others. I think that idea has merit, but if you don't know yourself, if you don't control yourself, if you don't have mastery over yourself, it's very hard to like yourself, except in some short-term, psych-up, superficial way. Real self-respect comes from dominion over self, from true independence. Independence is an achievement. Inter-dependence is a choice only independent people can make. Unless we are willing to achieve real independence, it's foolish to try to develop human relation skills. We might try. We might even have some degree of success when the sun is shining. But when the difficult times come — and they will — we won't have the foundation to keep things together. The most important ingredient we put into any relationship is not what we say or what we do, but what we are. And if our words and our actions come from superficial human relation techniques (the Personality Ethic) rather than from our own inner core (the Character Ethic), others will sense that duplicity. We simply won't be able to create and sustain the foundation necessary for effective interdependence. The techniques and skills that really make a difference in human interaction are the ones that almost naturally flow from a truly independent character. So, the place to begin building any relationship is inside us, inside our circle of influence — our own character. As we become independent, proactive, centred in correct principles, value-driven and able to organize and execute around the priorities in our life with integrity, we can choose to become interdependent — capable of building rich, enduring, highly productive relationships with other people. (347 words)

Importance of character in Relationships

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One's character may be compromised in an attempt to build social relationships.

Personal victory precedes public ~~incoherent sentence~~

The foundation of good social relationships are

self-mastery, self-discipline and self-love. The true independence comes from self-respect. It is an achievement. Only independent people can choose to become inter-dependent.

The important component of any relationship is not one's words & actions, but one's core values. Duplicity

is sensed. People sense duplicity when actions come from

personality ethics instead of character ethic. Effective interdependence comes naturally from genuine independent

character. So, foundation of any relationship should be one's own

character, with which one is capable of building rich,

lasting and productive relationships.

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