

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)

Solution

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Today society has changed dramatically. A person utilizes his personal techniques and skills to deal with others, which helps in character building. Because little things result into great happenings. Self control is best to deal with social relationships. Moreover, liking yourself is necessary to like others. But if one person does not have control over himself; he is unable to like himself. Because self control ensures freedom. And independent character is necessary for developing good relationship skills. If a man emphasizes more his words and actions; he is not good for healthy relationship. Independent character is a key for good social interactions. Because an independent individual can make best choices about personal life and social matters.

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