

Relational Trust:
Are You Building Up or Tearing Down?

We Value Family & Relationships
We believe that people are made to be in righteous and loving relationships with other people.

Exodus 23:8
⁸ "Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.

I Samuel 8:1-3

When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as Israel's leaders. ² The name of his firstborn was Joel and the name of his second was Abijah, and they served at Beersheba. ³ But his sons did not follow his ways. They turned aside after dishonest gain and accepted bribes and perverted justice.

I Samuel 8:4-5

⁴ So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

Proverbs 15:1

A gentle answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

I Kings 12:3-5

³ So they sent for Jeroboam, and he and the whole assembly of Israel went to Rehoboam and said to him: ⁴ “Your father put a heavy yoke on us, but now lighten the harsh labor and the heavy yoke he put on us, and we will serve you.”

⁵ Rehoboam answered, “Go away for three days and then come back to me.” So the people went away.

I Kings 12:6-7

⁶ Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who had served his father Solomon during his lifetime. “How would you advise me to answer these people?” he asked.

⁷ They replied, “If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your servants.”

I Kings 12:13-14

¹³ The king answered the people harshly. Rejecting the advice given him by the elders, ¹⁴ he followed the advice of the young men and said, “My father made your yoke heavy; I will make it even heavier. My father scourged you with whips; I will scourge you with scorpions.”

Proverbs 12:22

²² The LORD detests lying lips,
but he delights in people who are
trustworthy.

Acts 5:1-3

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. ²With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.

³Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

Acts 5:4-5

⁴Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

⁵When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.

II Kings 12:4-5

⁴ Joash said to the priests, "Collect all the money that is brought as sacred offerings to the temple of the LORD—the money collected in the census, the money received from personal vows and the money brought voluntarily to the temple. ⁵ Let every priest receive the money from one of the treasurers, then use it to repair whatever damage is found in the temple."

II Kings 12:15

¹⁵ They did not require an accounting from those to whom they gave the money to pay the workers, because they acted with complete honesty.

Proverbs 11:13

¹³ A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.

I Samuel 26:1-2

The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which faces Jeshimon?"

² So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand select Israelite troops, to search there for David.

Psalm 54:1-3

¹ Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.

² Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth.

³ Arrogant foes are attacking me; ruthless people are trying to kill me—people without regard for God.

Psalm 54:4-5

⁴ Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains me.

⁵ Let evil recoil on those who slander me; in your faithfulness destroy them.

Genesis 39:1-2

Now Joseph had been taken down to Egypt. Potiphar, an Egyptian who was one of Pharaoh's officials, the captain of the guard, bought him from the Ishmaelites who had taken him there.

² The LORD was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master.

Genesis 39:6

⁶ So Potiphar left everything he had in Joseph's care; with Joseph in charge, he did not concern himself with anything except the food he ate.

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