**Part 5 – Relationships on Lock**

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**Five steps to becoming better together – in person.**

* **We’re better together when:**
* **You put down the phone.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33**

**Bad company ruins good morals.**

* **You look at and listen to people.**

**Proverbs 18:13**

**Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.**

**Proverbs 10:19**

**If you talk a lot, you are sure to sin; if you are wise, you will keep quiet.**

**James 1:19**

**Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.**

* **You speak words of life.**

**Ephesians 4:29**

**When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.**

**Proverbs 12:25**

**Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a kind word cheers it up.**

* **You practice hospitality.**

**1 Peter 4:7-9**

**The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.**

**Romans 12:10-13**

**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

**1 Timothy 3:2-3**

**Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.**

* **You’re fast to forgive.**

**Matthew 18:21-22**

**Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.”**

**Matthew 18:32-35**

**“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’**

**In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.**

**Ephesians 4:31-32**

**Get rid of your bitterness, hot tempers, anger, loud quarreling, cursing, and hatred. Be kind to each other, sympathetic, forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ.**