

Top Ten Relational Needs

Acceptance: Receiving another person willingly, favorably and unconditionally, especially when the other's behavior has been imperfect. Willing to continue loving another in spite of offenses. *Especially if they are different from you.* (Romans 15:7)

Whether they like you or not. In losses and failures is where we should look to give acceptance

Affection: Expressing care and closeness through words and physical touch; saying "I love you."
(Romans 16:16; Mark 10:16)

Appreciation: Expressing personal thanks, praise or gratefulness with words and feelings. Recognizing accomplishment or effort. (Colossians 3:15b; I Corinthians 11:2)
For your contribution. For what you do. *Did you even notice that I did something?*

Approval (Blessing): Building up or affirming another; affirming both the fact of and the importance of a relationship. Thinking and speaking well of another. (Ephesians 4:29; Mark 1:11)
For who you are, not what you do. I'm proud of you.

Attention: Conveying appropriate interest, concern, and care; taking thought of another; entering another's world. Tell me about your world. (I Corinthians 12:25)
Not bringing them into my world. You cannot meet any needs if you are not there.

Comfort: Coming alongside and responding to a hurting person with words, feelings, and touch; to hurt with and for another's grief or pain. (Romans 12:15b; Matthew 5:4; II Corinthians 1:3-4; John 11:35) *Hurting with someone.* Probably the most critical need in our world today.

Encouragement: Urging another to persist and persevere toward a goal; stimulating toward love and good deeds. (I Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24)
Belief in what they want to do. *I believe in you.* You can do it. I have faith in you. Don't give up.

Respect: Valuing and regarding another highly; treating another as important; honoring another. Conveying great worth (Romans 12:10)
Respecting their ideas, their time, their property, and their feelings.

Security (Peace): Confidence and harmony in relationships; freedom from fear or threat of harm.
(Romans 12:16, 18)
Are we OK? Even when we argue, or disagree? Will you be here for me? I will do it.

Support: Coming alongside and gently helping with a problem or struggle; providing appropriate assistance. Getting underneath a burden with them. (Galatians 6:2)
How do you need help? *How can I help you.* I would like to help you.

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