

This week, Pastor Sharon celebrates Mother's Day with her message titled "Four Truths of How to Love Well". Sharon points out that most of us have never taken lessons in relationship building. Building relationships takes effort. Everyone needs someone else to challenge them and to encourage them to reach their own personal best. Only through a relationship with another person can you find this kind of encouragement.

To be a "people-builder", Sharon says that you need to give them a personal challenge. Each person has only one life on this earth. How can they make it count? You need to give them complete confidence to meet the challenge. Encourage them to grow by seeking opportunities to build them up. God sees the flower in the seed, but we can be the water that helps it grow. We can encourage others by being honest with them about their potential and encouraging them regularly and purposefully. Be a "people-builder" by giving them honest counsel. Tell them what God shows you. Help them keep things in perspective. Be confrontational, if the situation warrants it, but always seek to keep them focused on what God is doing in their lives.

Finally, build people up by letting them take the credit for their accomplishments. Each of us is to put the other person first. Have you had someone build you up in the body of Christ? Now it is your turn to share what you have received with others. Who will you help build up today?