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## Right Relationships



A teaching by Dale Clark printed in the July 14, 1989 issue of the Dove and reprinted here to remind us how to keep our relationships righteous.

I recently had the occasion to get involved in a dispute between someone in the Community and a good Christian who is not a member. One of the things I reflected on from my experience was how blessed we are to have in operation the teachings on repairing relationships. Also, I could see how much more difficult things can be when there is no mutual commitment to live by these teachings.

I'll take this occasion to review how we agree to handle conflicts in our relationships inside the Community. We will all be disturbed from time to time by something that is done or said. When this happens, we next stop and analyze what bothered us. We have to do this because it will determine the kind of response, if any, we will make.

Our analysis will cause us to place the problem into one of three categories:

1. Wrongdoing, unrighteousness
2. A better way
3. Personal preference or personality differences

Category one normally requires

that we do something. We go to the person one-on-one and point out the wrongdoing. The normal response we will get is the offender will ask our forgiveness and go about making restitution or whatever else is necessary to fully repair the offense. A small percentage of the time, they will not be able to hear us or not agree that it was clearly wrong. We may have to wait a while for the Holy Spirit to convict them and then go one-on-one again. Often in a few days, they will come back to us willing to totally repent and repair. Of course, there is the somewhat rare instance where we can and should take a witness who can also serve as a judge.

If the instance that bothers us falls into category two, a better way, we may want to point this out to the person. Since there was no unrighteousness involved, we should not expect the person to ask our forgiveness, but rather, just thank us for helping them to see a better way to do or say something. Example: Me showing Bob Garrett a better way of doing his budget.

When the problem falls into category three, the most often course of action for us is to "put up with." There may be the occasion to talk it through and express our preference. Example: When Dan and Marie got married, she was in the habit of putting onions in her potato salad. Dan doesn't like onions in anything.

The most common abuses or misuse of the teachings seem to be the following:

1. Out of fear of rejection or laziness, never going to the person to get it resolved.
2. Talking to someone else before we go to the person one-on-one (gossip).
3. Not giving the person time to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit before we threaten to get a witness.
4. Judging the situation to be a case of unrighteousness or wrongdoing before we know all the facts.
5. Placing acts of personal preference or a better way into the cate-

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# Alleluia's McBride Led Deep Basketball Team to get Coach of the Year Honors



By Wayne Staats  
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When Dennis McBride looked at his Alleluia boys basketball team, he saw sons. Alleluia basketball coach Dennis McBride formed a strong bond with his team that held a 26-6 record.

With one, Mac, that made sense – he was his actual son. But the feeling extended to the rest of the team.

McBride coached Mac and others in his class through the years, forming a strong bond that continued through this season's 26-6 record, a runner-up finish the GICAA Division I-A state

championship game and McBride's selection as The Augusta Chronicle's All-Area Independent Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

"When you see a group like that, you know it's going to be special," McBride said. "They do make things very easy. They learned how to work and they loved it."

McBride led a team made up of three All-State selections and four players who went past the 1,000-career point mark this year. Ben Dresser, Hayden Hebert and Mac McBride all won All-State honors and reached the point total while Stephen Milligan joined them in the career mark.

Looking back on the star-studded performances, McBride is impressed with how the group did it without needing a full game's worth of minutes.

The Angels won so impressively in about half their games that the talented group often sat on the bench due to large leads.

"They really got to play in only about a quarter and a half," McBride said. "At our level, they were just a good team – you don't usually see teams of that caliber at our size of school."

It'll be strange without having the same group back next season, especially Mac. But McBride won't have trouble looking back fondly when it comes to the past few years.

"This group of guys, this group of seniors, because they were in my son's class, they really all were like my sons," McBride said. "It was real special over the last three years. I don't think I'll forget this team over the many, many years to come."

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gory of wrongdoing and expecting people to respond accordingly.

- 6. Judging a situation by the feelings it produced in us rather than taking time to objectively analyze it, determining something was clearly wrong because it made me feel angry, sad, jealous, embarrassed, etc.

We have a wonderful tool that the Lord Himself has given us to solve our conflicts in relationships, AND our Covenant prescribes that we use it. I would hate to think where Alleluia would be today if we had no way to repair or handle our conflicts. Let us be thankful and continue to use it regularly in love.

**Dale Clark** was one of the original signers of the Alleluia Covenant and Elder of the Community. He died in September 1998.

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## All-Area Independent Boys Basketball Team



**Mac McBride    Hayden Hebert    Ben Dresser    Stephen Milligan**

From the 2016 Alleluia Angels Basketball team Coach Dennis McBride and 1000 pt. teammates Mac McBride, Hayden Hebert and Ben Dresser were picked for the Augusta Chronicle's 2016 All-Area Independent Boys Basketball Team. Stephen Milligan also made the 1000 pt. goal. Congratulations!