


**Holy Manners for
"Our Life Together"**

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Introduction to Holy Manners

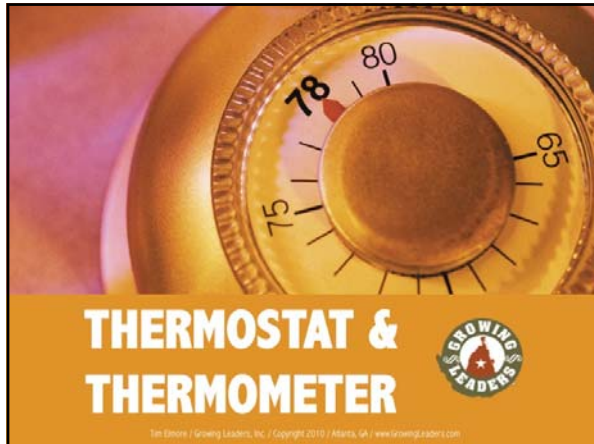
*If it is possible,
as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.*

(Romans 12:18)

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**Healthy Relationships
Don't Happen by Accident**

(the Holy Cross Story)



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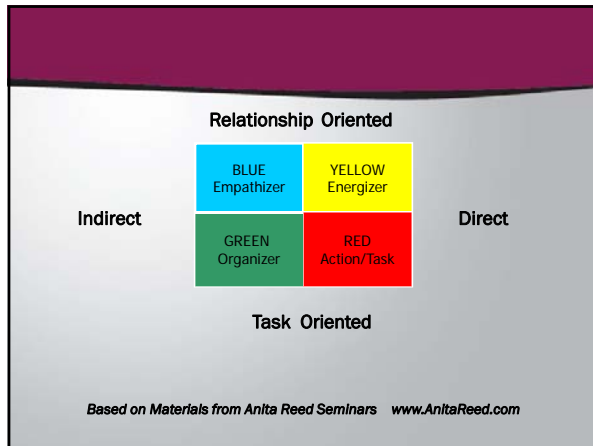
Financial Generosity

Service Generosity

Relational Generosity

Understanding Self and Others

(and loving it ☺)



What we *love*
about being Our Color....

What is *hard*
about being Our Color...

The way we tend to
get ourselves in trouble
being Our Color...

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- Obedience to the unenforceable

1. Reflect on your experience with Christian Groups.

Describe **healthy behaviors** that seem to support healthy group life.

Describe **unhealthy behaviors** that seem to undermine healthy group life.

2. What are you and your fellow leaders/group members doing to deliberately “promote” healthy relationships and civil behavior in your midst?

3. What resources do you use to train and inspire one another to be Servant Leaders promoting healthy relationships?

- Jane Fryar, *Servant Leaders*, CPH, 2001
- James Hunter, *The Servant*, Crown Business, 1998
- James Hunter, *The World's Most Powerful Leadership Principle*, Crown Bus., 2004
- Tim Elmore, *Habitudes (books 1-4)*
growingleaders.com
- Leadershipfreak.wordpress.com

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- The persons ideas and feelings are valued and appreciated, while the group works for the common good.

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If we manage conflict in a way that treats people with respect and yet keeps the good of the group in mind, then we can turn the conflict into a positive experience.

Introducing Holy Manners for “Our Life Together”

We believe that Holy Manners will enable us to

better serve

- God
- our congregation
- our family
- everyone He places in our path

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Holy Manners are

- promises that we make to each other
- shared expectations of Christian behavior we strive to offer to each other.

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When practicing Holy Manners people

- feel safe
- are more likely to experience healthy relationships
- are best able to create or renew meaningful friendships

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As Children of God,

we are striving to make the following Holy Manners a grand reality as God continues to fill us with His Holy Spirit and love.

**Dressing for Community:
Holy Manners**

Study of Colossians 3:12-17

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Peace
Doesn't Happen by Accident

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If there is Peace
it is because...

**Creating Holy Manners for
"Our Life Together"**

An Interactive Community Experience

**Creating Holy Manners for
"Our Life Together"**

"Guidelines for Our Work Together"

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"Our Life Together"**

**"Examples of
Unhealthy Congregation Norms"**

The Key to Holy Manners

Gospel Motivation

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Don't rush the process...
Discussions on Holy Manners are "Priceless"

Creating Holy Manners for "Our Life Together"

Assigning Topics to Groups

1. Decision Making
2. Information Sharing
3. Conflict
4. Complaints
5. Leadership
6. Guidelines

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Create Positive Statements based on Your Topic

Post These "Best Practices"
For All to Critique

Sharing Holy Manners

Holy Manners for...

Samples of Holy Manners for Various Groups

Holy Manners for Staff/Vestry

Holy Manners for Holy Cross

Open Forum:

Closing Questions and Answers

***The process for introducing Holy Manners to your church or school can be found in the excellent book by Gilbert Rendle**
Behavioral Covenants in Congregations: A Handbook for Honoring Differences. Alban Institute, 1999
