

# The Triangle of Relationships

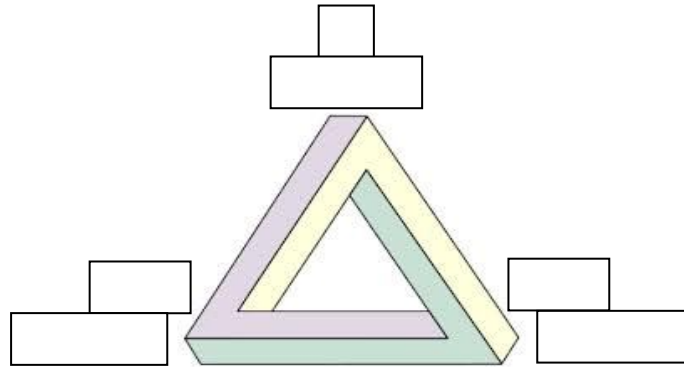
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## INTRODUCTION

1. Fill up the blanks in the triangle. The top box indicate direction and the box below indicate the people involved



The triangle speaks about building a balance between the 3 directions—of being UP, IN and OUT.

2. Are you well balanced in these 3 directions? Do you do all 3 or are you lopsided? Can a car whose wheels are not balanced in alignment move rapidly?
3. Is TOD balanced? How can TOD improve? Are there 20% people in TOD doing 80% of the work? Is there anyway TOD can become more balanced and move efficiently like a properly balanced aligned vehicle?
4. What do you hear from God concerning your role in TOD? Are you up with the Father, in with a radical community and out to serve the hurting?

## CONTENT

Two major references were used: Luke 6:12-20 and Acts 2:42-47

### A UP

1. Jesus prayed regularly
2. Jesus was in constant contact with His Father
3. Jesus' secret of fruitfulness—He did what He saw His father doing
4. Name a habit of Jesus

**What does working from rest means to you?**

### B IN

1. Jesus invited others in  
Philippians 4:2—What did Paul ask of Euodia and Syntyche?  
What good qualities does he mention about these 2 ladies?  
What does he ask the church to do for them?
2. Jesus spent time to build relationships with the 12 apostles.
3. Jesus showed us how to live life.

**Have you invited anyone in? Have you bonded closely with others? Have you been included in by others? Share.**

### C **OUT**

1. Jesus went down and stood on level ground
2. Jesus never lost sight of the Father's vision.

**Have you talked to any non Christian lately about the love of Jesus? Have you reached out or gone out to help people outside the church in anyway? Was it meaningful?**

Acts 2: 42-45

The early church also lived out these 3 dimensions of relationship.

### A **UP** *Passionate spirituality*

*Love God intensely.* Is FB a distraction to you? Who are those who post on FB early in the morning? What does FIP (First Important Priority) means to you?

*Discuss the story of the Big Rocks first.* What are your big rocks?

1. Love God intensely as much as possible  
Mary sat at the feet of Jesus while Martha served. Has Mary chosen the good part?  
Will it be taken away from her?
2. The early church vibrancy.  
They went to the temple daily. How often do you do go to church?
3. Bill Bright (Founder of Campus Crusade for Christ)  
When he was interviewed, he broke down and cried about his love relationship with Christ.

### B **IN** *Radical Community*

1 A culture of disconnectedness – the breakdown of family unity

2. A Quest for community.

A story of how Danny Wallace uncle sold all his property to buy a farm to invite others to live there but at his funeral, only 3 persons were found. It moved Danny Wallace to start the Join me club where everyone was challenged to do a good deed each Friday without any expectation of return and how 111 people joined in. People actually want to belong. This club became a flourishing club later.

*There is a clarion call for discipleship, for raising godly generations. The missing ingredient is discipleship*

### C **OUT** *Missional Zeal*

1. In the Jerusalem church, people were added daily
2. In Acts 8:1 the church was scattered through persecution .

*Do you have a call to stay or to go out?*

*There is the voluntary going and the involuntary going out.*

*Does evangelism frighten you as a Christian?*

*Do you build relationships with those around you—the grocery man, the newspaper man?*

He spoke of 2 Myanmar girls Susu and Cucu working in the Japanese restaurant and how they return often to dine there to build up a relationship. He spoke of his wife striking up a conversation with a young Muslim lady from Kazakhstan through Zumba dancing at the Portugese settlement.

Questions asked

What is God speaking to you about your relationship with Him?

Are you discipling anyone?

Do you make your evangelism intentional?

How do you make major decisions?