

**Retreat 2013**  
**Sign ups for Goal Setting**

Friday

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**Fall Retreat**

**October**

**Everyone please sign up to help prepare meals and clean up:**

**You may offer additional help at any time!**

Thursday Dinner

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Saturday Lunch

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Sunday Extra Clean-Up

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# You Must Care About Your Co-volunteers

October 23, 2012

By Rick Warren

"Everything you do must be done with love." (1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT)

One of the most important keys to receiving God's favor on your work is this: You must care about the people you work with. Even when they are irritable, even when they don't like you, even when they make fun of you, even when they put you down for being a Christian, you must still be a friend to them.

Why is this so important for success? Because the number one lesson in life, the number one reason God put you on this earth, is to learn how to love. God is love, and he wants you to be like him.

It's easy to love people you like, the people you find easy to get along with. So if God's going to teach you real love, realize that he's going to put you around unlovely people.

"Everything you do must be done with love" (1 Corinthians 16:14 NLT). This means at the office, in the car, on a sales call — whatever. The good news is this really is not hard. It's easy to underestimate the power of a kind word, a friendly smile, a pat on the back, a genuine compliment, a word of encouragement, or a listening ear.

I have seen so many lives changed when somebody takes time to pay attention to them. There is not a person on this planet who isn't starving for attention. But a caring person is hard to find.

The Apostle Paul said this, "I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare" (Philippians 2:20 NLT). Does that sound like your workplace? Or is everyone looking out for their own interests and not those of other people? Those who really care are really aware.

## Talk About It

- Think of someone at work who probably needs a kind gesture or word. How will you show them that you care this week?
- Is it difficult for you to put the care and concern of others above the demands of your work? Why do you think this is so?

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Lectio Divina  
Thursday

Opening prayer

*God our Father and protector,  
without you nothing is holy,  
nothing has value.  
Guide us to everlasting life  
by helping us to use wisely  
the blessings you have given to the world.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:47-53

Jesus said to the people: 'Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet that is cast in the sea and brings in a haul of all kinds of fish. When it is full, the fishermen bring it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in baskets and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the upright, to throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.' 'Have you understood all these?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of Heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom new things as well as old.' When Jesus had finished these parables he left the district.

- Read the passage 3 times.
- After each reading, think of a word or phrase that stands out to you.
- Share that word or phrase

Reflection

- \*What does the 'net' represent?
- \*How should we respond to the 'net'?
- \*How does this reading relate to our faith journey?



**JUSTICE. Fill out the following lines of someone in your life that comes to mind while reading the preceding statement. Be honest. This isn't something that will be shared.**

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Someone who has been hurt or is bitter: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who is full of doubt and skepticism: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who is at their wit's end: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who is always negative and needs a silver lining: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who is sad: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who needs to be comforted: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who you just don't understand: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone who you find difficult to love: \_\_\_\_\_

Someone that is constantly taking but never giving: \_\_\_\_\_

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(print only I, read aloud after activity has been filled out by all participants)

### **Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. -Thomas Merton

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