

Give Others the Space They Need to Learn and Grow

Part of our role now and in the future, as we teach and train others in the things of the Kingdom, is nurture. Teaching and training have a formal ‘school-ness’ about them, which fits well with our religious background. However, our Father is loving and caring, and is expecting us to have his character built into the way we educate others.

This is where fathering and mothering are important in the growth and development of those who are learning to be fully functional sons. Nurture, normally a female (viz. feminine) attribute, needs to become a trait of all sons. This is where patience, concern, compassion and selflessness combine with the training so it becomes gentle, engaging and fraternal.

This will be hard for many of us to achieve because we still haven’t got the concept of ‘organism’ – we’re still function organisationally. Relating to others organismally, is like fitting ‘hand in glove’. It’s symbiotic, with everyone benefiting, and no component (‘organ’) has more or less benefit than any other.

One way this nurturing is to outplay in our training programs is that we give others the space they need to learn and grow. We’re not to be parental, by disciplining them for not learning quickly enough. Nor are we to get frustrated with them, or even angry at them for their lack of understanding or progress. That’s the world system’s way of training, not the Kingdom’s way.

Father has reminded us of our need to make this important change in our educational relationships:

*“Patience is a virtue. Especially be patient with those who do not fit the mold that you have designed for them. Be assured that your selfish expectations will rarely, if ever, be met by others. Give them the space they need to learn and grow.”*¹

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