

The Productive and Effective Life Part 8: Love

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **The Effective and Productive Life: 8 Biblical Steps to Reaching Your Full Potential.**
- **2 Peter 1:3-12**
- What are the promises in these verses?
 - o Does this happen automatically? Make every effort – **verse 5**
 - o And it is good to be reminded of these things even if you know them!!
 - o Persevere in paying attention. Here is where progress really gets made!
- **This Week: Love**
 - o This is not just love for your fellow Christian, but love for everyone.
- Greatest Commandment **Mark 12:28-31.**
 - o This type of love covers “neighbors” as well.
 - o Who is my neighbor? **Luke 10:25-37**
 - Who is my neighbor? People not like me...who I may not even like.
 - Don't get all technical and justify not loving a category of people.
- So far: love God, love neighbor, love brothers and sisters...
 - o There is one more important category of people that we are to love.
 - o **Luke 6:27-28.** Oh man. Also **Matthew 5:43-48.**
 - This is a great challenge. Christians (like others) are not very good at this.
- How do we get to the place where we love our enemies?
 - o We need to remember something, **2 Peter 1:9.**
 - Otherwise we end up on the wrong side of this parable: **Matt 18:21-35**
 - Focus on v33. We forgive in light of having been forgiven.
- So, let's remember that we have been cleansed from our past sins. Let's have mercy on others because God has been merciful to us.
 - o Remember what Jesus has done for us. Read **Matt 27:24-54**
- Pray for each other before you finish up!