

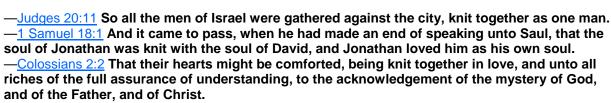
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Fellowship of Companies for Christ Greater Hartford Chapter Mitchell's Coffee House May 19, 2010

- Opening prayer
- Introductions
- Praise reports
- "Popcorn" testimony
- Today's Topic: Knitting constructive relationships



—<u>Colossians 2:19</u> And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Successful organizations and communities are often described as "tight-knit." Sometimes being tight-knit can backfire into groupthink, legalism, stagnation and cultish tendencies. But the opposite is also true: organizations and communities where everyone is a stranger breeds anonymity, which breeds isolation and license. Somewhere in the middle, there's a healthy, Holy Spirit-led balance!

In today's busy, technological culture, how much time are we spending knitting—deliberately investing in—relationships? With customers, prospects, employees, suppliers, church and community? Or, do we focus on business relationships to the detriment of our families? Relationships take time, money, energy, and transparency. At times, we don't go there, or we've been hurt in the past, so we avoid them.

On Mother's Day in 1993, my Mom knew she was dying. We were having an unusually transparent discussion after dinner, while sitting around the dining room table, when she said, "If I had to do it over again, I would have focused more on relationships." She had been enormously energetic, efficient and effective as a "doer," but in assessing her life, good relationship-building had suffered in the process.

- —Do you have issues with the texture of your relationships today?
- —Are you growing so dependent upon "technology," that you're dropping the ball person-to-person?
- Next FCCI meeting here on Wednesday, June 2 @ 7:30 am
- Upcoming news/events

June 5: *Total Woman Conference* in Hartford (display and workshop)

June 7: webinar, Dispensing with the Poverty Mindset

June 10: CT Business Expo display—need sponsors & volunteers

Closing prayer

