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Fostering Solid Business Relationships

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A life-long student, Nesreen was studying psychology before turning her attention to coaching after seeing how quickly people were able to improve their lives and businesses though the process. She is a proud graduate of Accomplishment Coaching, the World's Finest Coach Training Program[™], as well as the Grief Recovery Institute[™], a pioneering training program in the world of grief. Nesreen is a Certified Life and Business Coach, with a special certification in Grief Coaching. Nesreen also earned her Master of Science in Communication from Walden University earlier this year.

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Four Corners of Relationship

- Relatedness
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Communication



Relatedness

- Focus on building relationships with people, not transactions. Be personable and get to know the people in your network.
- Start by learning about them. Ask about their GAINS: Goals, Accomplishments, Interests, Networks, and Skills.

Relatedness

- Offer to help when you can so they can reach their goals. This is especially important before asking for help. People have to know, like, and trust you before opening their networks to you.
- Be authentic: people can tell if you're putting on a show.

Responsibility

• Be 100% responsible for how things go in the relationship. That means:



- Be the leader and own the relationship fully
- Admit if you make a mistake and remedy the situation
- Respond rationally and in a timely fashion



Integrity

• Be your word:

- Reliability
- Honesty



• Whole and 'unbroken'

Communication

- Be strategic: Identify key people in your network with whom you can foster quality relationships.
- Follow up is key. Send a thank you note, gift or link that connects to something discussed in your meeting. Let them know you were paying attention
- Gamify investing in your relationships: add things into your weekly schedule so its a habit. Use the following strategies and give yourself points for each strategy used:

Communication

Strategies

- 1-on-1 Coffee
- Mail a handwritten thank you card
- Send a thank you gift
- Reach-out call
- Reach-out email
- Attend an event hosted by VIP in your network
- Invite others to event hosted by VIP
- Bring VIPs together at a non-business event

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