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Discerning Your Relationships Relational INTELLIGENCE

Relational Intelligence: the ability to discern if someone should be a part of our lives and what place they should occupy.

A friend is someone you'd give your life to. There is a reciprocity that involves character, love, honesty, reliability, encouragement, and transparency.

An associate has a different level of expectation and investment. There hasn't been enough time, interest, desire to develop the connection required for friendship.

An assignment is a relationship where we provide mentorship, guidance, training, or coaching to another.

An advisor is when you are assignment to another who is investing into your life the benefits of their knowledge and experience.

experience.
Proverbs 14:6knowledge comes easily to the discerning.
Discernment means not only between right and wrong, but between essential and nonessential, between good and better, and between better and best.
Psalm 119:66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge [discernment]
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Reflection helps us to act not just emotionally, but
Relational intelligence isn't just about clarity; it's also about
Take the time to work the relationship and not just be the relationship.
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You can not what you do not evaluate.
Matthew 7:17-20 Every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20So then, by their fruit you will recognize them.
Reflection is an exercise, evaluation or "fruit inspection" is an exercise.

 $Pastor Tim {\color{red} and Trudi.com} \\$ September 28, 2025 ____am l? What do I _____? What do I _____? What do I need _____? Pressing pause to properly align people and the relationships in your life is not selfish, it's ______. John 2:23-25 While He was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the signs He was doing and believed in His name. 24But Jesus did not entrust Himself to them, for He knew them all. 25He did not need any testimony about man, for He knew what was in a man. - THE PROCESS OF FORMING AN OPINION OR EVALUATION BY DISCERNING AND COMPARING; ABILITY TO MAKE CONSIDERED DECISIONS OR COME TO SENSIBLE CONCLUSIONS. You are forming an opinion about whether this person is good for you _____, not forming an opinion whether this person is good at all. We can inspect someone's fruit without _____ the whole tree. Matthew 26:33-34 Peter said to Him, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will." 34"Truly I tell you," Jesus declared, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." Jesus was able to see something without _____ something until it was time to do so. The _____ that someone is bearing is not always a reflection of the person they are becoming. The most _____ thing a person can do is what Yahweh tells them to do Hebrews 4:13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight; everything is uncovered and exposed before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Psalm 119:124-125 Deal with Your servant according to Your loving devotion, and teach me Your statutes. 125 I am Your

servant; give me discernment, that I may know Your testimonies.