Loving Your Neighbor Well

2025 Evergreen Leadership Retreat

Spiritual Energy Level Inventory

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How is it with your soul?

Before loving your neighbor well, think of how well you are.

Cognitive Overload

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Causes:

- Excessive Information
- Complex tasks
- Multitasking
- Lack of clear organization
- Insufficient breaks or rest periods

When you are overwhelmed, how are you managing your energy?

Energy Inventory

- What drains you of energy?
- What fills you with energy?

Seven levels of energy. You choose!

What is your preferred level of energetic response?

- 7. Absolute Passion
- 6. Joy
- 5. Peace
- 4. Compassion
- 3. Forgiveness

anabolic energy

- 2. Anger
- 1. Apathy

catabolic energy

Level 1: Apathy "I lose"

Disadvantages of Level 1:

- Victim mentality
- Guilt
- Fear
- Worry
- Self-doubt
- Low self-esteem

Advantages of Level 1:

- You are able to protect yourself from harm.
- You receive attention and sympathy from others.
- You don't have to assume responsibility for negative life events.

Level 2: Anger "I win, so therefore you must lose."

Disadvantages of Level 2:

- Often chooses to be in conflict
- Right or wrong
- Strong judgment
- Limited options
- Manage by force, control or coercion
- Blame others

Advantages of Level 2:

- Your aggressive behavior leads to getting a lot done by yourself.
- You can also motivate others (through fear or intimidation!).
- Good at knowing how to play the game.

Level 3: Forgiveness "I win (If you win too, great)."

Disadvantages to Level 3:

- Tolerate and cope
- Rationalize other people's behavior to forgive them
- May feel unfulfilled or disappointed
- Rationalize conflict with others to be able to maintain peace in the workplace or family

Advantages to Level 3:

- You don't allow other people to stand in the way of what you want.
- You have the ability to avoid, block and/or release negativity of others.
- You're able to engage people easily. You won't stop until you get what you want.

Level 4: Compassion: "You win."

Disadvantages of Level 4:

- Concern for others sometimes to detriment of self-regard
- Looks and feels very selfless
- Can get caught up in other people's dramas
- Motivation may be more for being liked than for being productive

Advantages of Level 4:

- You take little personally; you truly care for and help everyone to do their job the best they can.
- Truly of help, not of control

Level 5: Peace "We all win or we don't play."

Disadvantages of Level 5:

- Paralysis by analysis
- Disengaged from emotions
- Your optimism might cause you to take too many risks

Advantages of Level 5:

- You find opportunities in all challenges and take little to nothing personally.
- Calm, entrepreneurialminded, confident, inner peace and fulfillment

Level 6: Joy: "We always win."

Disadvantages to Level 6:

- You might not be grounded
- Could come across as out of touch with others and seem aloof
- High risk taker
- Need to work at staying on the same page as others on a team

Advantages to Level 6:

- Core thought is synthesis
- All that happens has purpose and value
- Sense of pleasure, satisfaction and joy
- High creativity, vision and innovation

Level 7: Absolute Passion: "Winning and losing are illusions."

Realities of Level 7:

- No human resonates completely at this level, but with practice, everyone can learn to access it.
- Non-judgment
- Fearlessness
- Resurrectiona Life

Easy Steps to Begin.

- Stay CURIOUS! Ask what brought people to that place rather than judge your/other people's energy.
- Share with others what you are learning and understanding about the importance of Anabolic Energy.
- Use open-ended questions rather than anything that can be answered by 'yes' or 'no.'
- Expect the Holy Spirit to show up in new and creative forms!



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Reflection

- What is the energetic level you revert to when under stress?
- Which levels do you notice are active in your church?
- What might be one step to shift the catabolic energy to anabolic energy in yourself and others?