

## 2018 October Newsletter

## OUR EMOTIONAL DIMENSION

Emotional intelligence is characterized by:

- 1. Self-awareness: Knowing **what** I feel in any given situation and **why** I am feeling this way.
- 2. Self-management: Recognizing that my emotions at times will be consistent with reality and at other times will not. In order to have good and healthy relationships I need to know the difference.
- 3. Empathy: Moving beyond myself and **identifying** with others: their joys, fears, pain and longings.
- 4. Strong relational skills: Putting self-awareness, self-management and empathy into practice as I interact with others by **listening and responding constructively**.

I encourage you today to live fully connected to both your interior and exterior life. Commit to explore and discover your core feelings; recognize their importance. Take your "emotional pulse" daily and make it a point to communicate life-giving empathy whenever possible. Raise your emotional IQ and experience deep transformational change in all the dimensions of your life!

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