

Seek First to Understand

RULE OF LIFE: ONE MUST _____ PROPERLY BEFORE ONE CAN
_____ EFFECTIVELY

"Blame not before thou hast examined the truth: understand first, and then rebuke. Answer not before thou hast heard the cause: neither interrupt men in the midst of their talk." Sirach 11:7-8

HABIT #5: SEEK FIRST TO _____, THEN TO BE _____

"If thou love to hear, thou shalt receive understanding: and if thou bow thine ear, thou shalt be wise" Sirach 6:33

The key in listening is your _____

"Be steadfast in thy understanding; and let thy word be the same. Be swift to hear; and let thy life be sincere; and with patience give answer. If thou hast understanding, answer thy neighbor; if not, lay thy hand upon thy mouth." Sirach 5:10-12

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" James 1:19

Understanding is the key to making _____

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me" Psalm 139:1-6

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand:
to be loved as to love.

Interdependence

Seek First to Understand,
...Then to be
Understood

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**PUBLIC
VICTORY**

Think
Win/Win 4

Independence

3 Put First
Things First

1

Be
Proactive

**PRIVATE
VICTORY**

2

Begin with
the End in Mind

Dependence