

SPECIAL REPORT!

10 Warning Signs You Might Need to Improve Your Connection Skills

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Welcome to my special report that introduces your free 6-day CONNECTION MAGIC E-course! This report begins the training by giving you some warning signs that may indicate you should polish up your connection skills. If any of the warnings hits too close to home, stay tuned for action steps coming up in the e-course. They will help you become more effective at connecting with friends, family, and professional associates.

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN IN THE CONNECTION MAGIC E-COURSE

Each day's lesson will include action steps to take for fast results.

Day 1: Connection Magic Tip #1: Develop a connection mindset.

Day 2: Connection Magic Tip #2: Be the kind of person with whom others want to connect or spend time.

Day 3: Connection Magic Tip #3: Work on your personal greeting technique to convey warmth and sincerity.

Day 4: Connection Magic Tip #4: Actively listen when you have conversations.

Day 5: Connection Magic Tip #5: If you see an article or information you think would benefit or interest a friend or associate, send it to them or call to tell them about it.

Day 6: Connection Magic Tip #6: Write notes for both personal and professional reasons.

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“So, besides the impermanence of all things, there remains in my heart a steadiness about the power of connection. Once the heart is touched, something remains.”

Meg Riley in the blog, [Inspired Faith, Effective Action](#)

Do any of these sound familiar?

- 1) “I’m at a standstill in my career and keep getting passed over for advancement.”

- 2) "My children don't care what I think and never listen to me."
- 3) "My friends don't seem to want to go places with me."
- 4) "My ideas are usually ignored."
- 5) "No one ever goes out of their way to help me."
- 6) "I'm not getting business referrals from customers."
- 7) "I feel like I'm running in place and not getting anywhere."
- 8) "No one ever remembers my name, even when I've met them before."
- 9) "I often feel isolated at a party or gathering."
- 10) "I rarely get asked to take a participate in projects or initiatives."

If any of these concerns applies to you, maybe you've never learned how to connect with others, even though you may be having conversations with them. You may feel you're just not born to be comfortable or skilled interacting with others—that there's nothing you can do about it.

You can learn to be a better Connector

The good news is that even if you're not a natural socializer, you absolutely can teach yourself to be a better Connector. Leadership expert John C. Maxwell, in his book *Everyone Communicates, Few Connect: What the Most Effective People Do Differently*, assures us: "The ability to connect with others is a major determining factor in reaching your full potential. It's no secret! Connecting is a skill you can learn and apply in your personal, professional, and family relationships."

There's no question about it: being an effective Connector—someone who helps others and whom others like to help—can resonate in wonderful ways throughout your personal and business life.

So where do you start?

Each day for the next six days, I'll suggest simple ideas to get you moving in the right direction. Embrace them—using the Take Action steps as a guide. You'll soon be connecting with others more easily and effectively.

Look for your first lesson tomorrow!

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