

Relationships

Honor relationships... that is called being recession-proof.

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Aren't they just flat out the most important thing any of us possess?

I'm just sayin' could be a good idea to act as if they are.

I'm thinkin it's a good idea whose time has certainly come.

It's not just me either.

Are you noticing?

There's a shift happening, an awakening.

People are waking up to how precious it is to nurture relationships. Look at our White House.

In my opinion the sweetness and the closeness of the Obama family was at least one of the determining factors that put them in the White House. We didn't just put him in the Oval Office, We put them in the White House.

I heard a poem the day before the Inauguration:

U Being U

Mr. President-Elect

Makes me wanna get MY stuff correct

I feel like starting with something RADICAL

Like,

Love my Neighbor

Like share what I've got

Like think for myself

Who inspires you to get your stuff correct?

Who touches your heart and makes you want to be a better, more authentic version of yourself? Do you spend time around that person?

If it's a teacher, a leader, a writer, a musician, Someone you don't necessarily have a face-to-face relationship with and they touch your heart and inspire you, well then you have a relationship nonetheless.

I'll tell you who inspires me the most, my closest friends, my daughter, the bold emerging leaders on my Team, the CEO of my company.

Being in the presence of these men and women make me want to get my stuff correct.

Yeah and I would say these relationships, and more brand new ones that will come into my life and old ones that will be re-kindled, and even the positive memories of old relationships that are now complete, these are my most precious possessions.

It is my intention to honor this by paying extra attention to nurturing all of my inspiring relationships.

And that my friends is called being recession-proof.



The best thing about network marketing for me is learning life skills that have immense value.

The skill of being truly present and listening without agenda, and without judgment, which gifts the other person with the all too rare opportunity to show up as how and who they really are.

The skill of having fun even when— maybe especially when— working really hard.

The skills of Teamwork— not just working as part of a Team — really learning how to follow and support the leader, which turns out to be the very best way to learn how to be a leader.

And having this bundle of skills in my toolkit adds up to being magnetically attractive and a whole lot'a fun.

If ever there was a servant leader, it's Maran. "It's all good" is something she lives— whether in the chaotic aftermath of a South Florida hurricane or facing the frustrations of a seething subscriber who can't get into the site. "Take a deep breath", she says, and goes about her business of turning straw into gold.

I've been together with Maran for more than five years now. Tough and high times both. She is a rock. One of those highly polished, swirling blue Lapis lazuli ones with the word *Creativity* etched in platinum. Maran is all that good! --JMF

