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Weird Families Work When Closets Have No Doors

(What do you do when your trust accounts are overdrawn)

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The doors stay on when . . .

We live with the fear of being shamed.

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every **hidden** thing, whether it is good or evil." (Eccl 12:14)

We live with the fear of being shunned.

"Never pay back evil for evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honest clear through." (Rom 12:17)

We live with the fear of being shut out.

"And be ye kind one to another, **tenderhearted**, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph 4:32)

The doors come off when . . .

When we have nothing to hide.

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other **so that you may be healed**. . . ." (James 5:16 NIV)

When we have nothing to prove.

When we have nothing to fear.

"There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]. We love Him, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:18-19 Amplified Bible)

The 5 "Be's" that build trust

To build trust you must be Trustworthy.

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust **must prove faithful**." (1 Cor 4:2)

To build trust you must be Respect worthy.

"Drink from your own well, my son--**be faithful and true** to your wife." (Prov 5:15)

To build trust you must be Unshakable.

"**Be on your guard; stand firm** in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. **DO EVERYTHING IN LOVE**." (1 Cor 16:13-14)

To build trust you must be Sincere.

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To build trust you must be Transparent.

". . . Let your "**Yes**" be **yes**, and your "No," no, . . ." (James 5:12)

"Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. **Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do**. 'I'll do the judging,' says God. 'I'll take care of it.'" (Romans 12:17-19 MSG)