

## HELPFUL FACTORS FOR CONSULTATION IN RELATIONSHIPS (That is, for talking with)

### ***Be Humble, Do Not Demand***

*“Humility exalteth man to the heaven of glory and power, whilst pride abaseth him to the depths of wretchedness and degradation. . . .”* -- Bahá'u'lláh

### ***Find the Right Time and Right Place***

*“O Son of Dust! The wise are they who speak not unless they obtain a hearing, even as the cup-bearer, who proffereth not his cup till he findeth a seeker, and the lover who crieth not out from the depths of his heart until he gazeth upon the beauty of his beloved. . . .”* -- Bahá'u'lláh

### ***Focus on One's Own Problem***

*“O Emigrants! . . . If the fire of self overcome you, remember your own faults and not the faults of My creatures, inasmuch as every one of you knoweth his own self better than he knoweth others.”* -- Bahá'u'lláh

*“. . . Strive ye by day and night to cultivate your unity to the fullest degree. Let your thoughts dwell on your own spiritual development, and close your eyes to the deficiencies of other souls. . . .”* -- ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

*“One must see in every human being only that which is worthy of praise. When this is done, one can be a friend to the whole human race. If, however, we look at people from the standpoint of their faults, then being a friend to them is a formidable task.*

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*“Thus is it incumbent upon us, when we direct our gaze toward other people, to see where they excel, not where they fail.”* -- ‘Abdu’l-Bahá

### ***Postpone Discussion when Necessary***

*“. . . When you notice that a stage has been reached when enmity and threats are about to occur, you should immediately postpone discussion of the subject, until wranglings, disputations, and loud talk vanish, and a propitious time is at hand.”* -- ‘Abdu’l-Bahá