Going Beyond Emotional Intelligence™

EXPLORING RELATIONAL WISDOM 3.0
FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Features

Relational wisdom® (RW) is an enhanced form of “emotional intelligence” (EI), which is being used by corporations, business schools, hospitals, counselors, law enforcement, sports teams and military units to improve the professional performance, leadership skills, creativity, effectiveness and productivity of individuals and entire teams (see www.rw360.org/articles).

Exploring Relational Wisdom 3.0 is available for professional development training as a live six-hour seminar, as an 8-to-12-hour self-study online course and as an 8-lesson group-study DVD set, all of which introduce the foundational principles, benefits and practical applications of relational wisdom. The online course is available for individual or group study using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

The course includes these topics:

- Benefits of relational wisdom and comparison to traditional emotional intelligence
- The neurology of emotions and how they shape relational and leadership dynamics
- The six fundamental relational skills of RW
- Four basic acrostics (SOV, GPS, READ, SERVE) that make it easier to practice RW
- How to develop a personal application plan for ongoing growth in RW

RW training includes lectures, demonstration videos, small group discussions and practical applications to achieve affective, behavioral and cognitive learning.

RW has been taught to businesses, nonprofits, hospitals, social service agencies, counseling centers, churches, law firms, military and law enforcement personnel, state legislators and members of the U.S. Congress. The content, illustrations and applications may be presented in either a values-based (secular) or faith-based format that can be adjusted to match the core values of the audience (see sample corporate, military and first responder core values statements).

The course developer, Ken Sande, is the founder of Peacemaker Ministries and Relational Wisdom 360. Trained as a mechanical engineer, lawyer and mediator, Ken has conciliated hundreds of family, business, church and legal conflicts. As president of RW360, he now focuses on teaching people how to build strong relationships and get “upstream of conflict” in the family, church and workplace. He teaches internationally and is the author of numerous books, articles, and training resources, including The Peacemaker, which has sold over 500,000 copies in seventeen languages. He is a Certified Emotional Intelligence Instructor with www.TalentSmart.com, a Certified Relational Wisdom Conciliator and Instructor, and has served on the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Montana Bar Association and as an Editorial Advisor for Christianity Today. Live RW seminars are taught by Ken, other RW360 staff and our network of Certified Relational Wisdom Instructors™.
Benefits

Students leave a live seminar with a detailed study guide, a pamphlet that summarizes key concepts, a personal growth plan, a smartphone app containing hundreds of articles and videos, and access to the online course, which adds over 30 application articles and 100 application questions. Both the seminar and the online course have been approved for continuing education credit.

Since relational wisdom incorporates all of the core principles of traditional teaching on emotional intelligence and adds several improved features (including the direct incorporation of personal values and practical acrostics to facilitate daily practice), it can produce the same benefits associated with improved EI, including improved marital and parenting relationships, which contribute to workplace productivity (see Employers Reap a Double Benefit from RW Training). As one recent study revealed:

“When companies invest in the physical and relational wellness of their workers, returns on investment can range between $1.50 and $6.85 for every dollar spent on these types of programs.” Relational Wellness: Corporate America’s Business.

Two leading experts in emotional intelligence, Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves, who have worked with hundreds of Fortune 500 corporations, have conducted over 750,000 EI appraisals. Here is a sample of their conclusions (Emotional Intelligence 2.0, pages 19-22):

- Emotional intelligence (EI) accounts for 58% of performance in all types of jobs.
- It’s the single biggest predictor of performance in the workplace and the strongest driver of leadership and personal excellence.
- Ninety percent of top performers are also high in emotional intelligence. Conversely, just 20% of bottom performers have high emotional intelligence.
- People with high EI make more money—typically $29,000 more per year—than people with low relational skills. Every point increase in relational skills adds $1,300 to an annual salary.
- These findings hold true for people in all industries, at all levels, throughout the world.
- High emotional intelligence has been shown to correlate to enhanced empathy and communication skills, closer alignment with organizational values and goals, improved team cohesiveness, higher stress tolerance, greater flexibility to change, better balance between work and family life, less conflict, reduced staff turnover, improved job performance and advancement, higher customer satisfaction, increased efficiency, impact, and productivity, and even better health and recovery from illness.

Of course none of these benefits appear automatically. Like playing golf or the piano, the improvement of relational skills depends on individual discipline and effort. So individuals who sincerely embrace RW and practice it on a regular basis will grow more quickly and experience far greater benefits than those who are half-hearted about improving their relational skills.

Supplemental Resources

- Values-Based Summary Sheet
- Values-Based Study Guide
- Online Course
- DVD Set