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“Relationships with People”

VIDEO – Relationship Pt1

BE HONEST – HOW MANY COULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE AT LEAST ONE RELATIONSHIP THAT IS NOT WHAT IT SHOULD BE

VISION

KEY VERSE

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people perish

EVERYONE RELATIONSHIP ENDS UP SOMEWHERE. BUT FEW RELATIONSHIPS END UP SOMEWHERE ON PURPOSE.

**WHERE THERE IS NO VISION FOR OUR RELATIONSHIPS THEY WILL PERISH
I WANT US ALL TO ASK GOD THESE FOUR QUESTIONS.**

WHAT RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO BE INITIATED?

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

1. Maybe you need a close Christian friend for support to battle along side you. Maybe you need to join our Wednesday night groups, women’s or men’s groups where it’s more intimate.
2. Maybe you need an accountability partner. Maybe you need a date.

WHAT RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO BE NURTURED?

A. THE WAY YOU NURTURE IT - YOU SERVE ONE ANOTHER.

Galatians 5:14 (NIV)

1. So I ask you, what relationship needs to be nurtured. If it’s your marriage then do something about it, do something different than what you’ve been doing.
2. Maybe you need to submit to biblical counseling. Maybe you need to let a wiser older couple speak into your lives. Maybe you need to pray together or read the bible together. Or Maybe you need to turn up the heat on your physical intimacy and just go make out.

“BUT PASTOR IT ALWAYS LEADS TO SEX, YEAH WHAT’S WRONG WITH THAT”

B. You have a strained relationship WITH YOUR SON/DAUGHTER

1. What do you do? Do something different. Find an activity you enjoy together. Ask or answer questions. Take them on a trip, just the two of you.
2. Pray together before they go to school or let them know your praying for them.

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WHAT RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO BE RESTORED?

A. Be honest with God about this.

1. I want you to think about the relationships in your life that are broken, damaged, wounded. In some cases you've been offended or you're the offender.

ASK GOD WHAT RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO BE RESTORED

Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

2. WHO ARE WE TO HOLD ANYTHING AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON WHEN GOD HAS FORGIVEN US INFINITELY?

B. LET'S BRING IT DOWN TO REALITY – THE PROBLEM WITH RESTORING AND ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS

1. IS DEALING WITH THE FEAR OF CONFRONTATION
2. If someone has really wronged you and hurt you, wounded you deeply, you may not want to get close to them.

ILL: This happened to me I took a risk and confronted and it ended up good

3. It may not end up good BUT DO WHAT GOD TELLS YOU TO DO

Romans 12:17-18 (NIV)

4. If they're acting evil towards you don't give the same thing back. "IF IT IS POSSIBLE" It implies it's not going to work all the time. But at least try to live in PEACE.

WHAT RELATIONSHIP NEEDS TO BE SEVERED?

A. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT DIVORCE ON UNBIBLICAL GROUNDS NO MATTER HOW UNHAPPY YOU ARE IN YOUR MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

1. And I'm not talking about cutting off a often unrewarding relationship you know before God you're responsible to sustain. What I am talking about are wrong, destructive, and unhealthy relationships that need to be severed.
2. PAUL WARNED US IN:

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

3. If you are a single adult trying to decide whether a potential boyfriend or girlfriend has good character. Check out his or her friends. If their company their hanging out with is corrupt then more and likely they are.
4. It's a lot easy for Bad company to pull down good character than good character to pull down Bad company.

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1 Corinthians 5:11 (NIV)

B. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN.

1. If you have a business partner who lacks integrity, End or redefine the arrangement.
2. You have a friend who spiritually drags you down. Redefine the friendship or sever it.
3. Guys, you hang around buddies who trash-talk their wives, and it's hurting your marriage.
4. Either the boys change their habits, or your out.
5. Ladies, you're running with a bunch of man haters, gossipers, backbiters.
6. Find another crowd. Don't let anyone damage your relationship with your husband, brother, or father.

Conclusion:

EVERY RELATIONSHIP ENDS UP SOMEWHERE, BUT ONLY A FEW RELATIONSHIPS END UP SOMEWHERE ON PURPOSE

VIDEO – Relationship Pt2