

PREDICTIONS

Global Warming – Part 1 of 4

Key Principle: The climate of relationships dictates the FORECAST

The Reasons We Need To Talk About Global Warming In Relationships:

1. Each of us represents a collection of relationships. In each of these relationships there is a CLIMATE.
2. There is a climate you CARRY with you into every relationship and interaction.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

- In other words: love GOD and love OTHERS

3. The forecast of our relationships remains the same until the climate begins to CHANGE.

“2 Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 But Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?’ Genesis 4:2-6(NIV)

- God was challenging Cain to reflect on his dominant MOODS.

“If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” Genesis 4:7 (NIV)

Key Advice #1: The dominant moods combine to form the climate of our RELATIONSHIPS.

Key Advice #2: Be AWARE of your emotions. Don't BECOME your emotions.

“8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel, ‘Let’s go out to the field.’ While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, ‘Where is your brother Abel?’ ‘I don’t know,’ he replied. ‘Am I my brother’s keeper?’“ Genesis 4:8-9 (NIV)

Key Advice #3: Emotions MASTER you or you master your emotions.

Important and Urgent Question: What is it like to be on the other side of ME?

HOMEWORK: Ask three people the question. Extra Credit: Ask God

“You O God are a God of strength. And You O God are a God of tenderness.” Psalm 62:11(NIV)

“Teach us, O Lord to number our days, so that we might gain a heart of wisdom” Psalm 90:12 (NIV)