

The Faithful Steward of Truth

It was Studd who wrote,

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's
done for Christ will last."

Are you living in the light of eternity? As
Leonard Ravenhill often asked, "Are the things
you are living for worth Christ dying for?"

Today we will look into God's view concerning
the primary purposes of relationships.

*"Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment."*
Prov. 18:1

*"For none of us lives to himself, and no one
dies to himself."*
Romans 14:7

Question: What are the primary purposes of relationships?

- The Primary purpose of relationships concern loving God and loving others.
- Primary purpose of relationship is to know, love, and enjoy God forever.
Jn. 8:19, 54, 55; 17:3. 1 Ch. 28:9. Ps. 9:10. Is. 53:11. Je. 9:23, 24; 31:33, 34. Ho. 6:3. 1 Co. 15:34. 2 Co. 4:6. 2 Th. 1:8. He. 8:11, 12. 1 John. 4:6; 5:11, 20; Rev. 4:11

- *Jonathan Edwards*—Sin is the ruin and misery of the soul. It is destructive in its nature; and if God should leave it without restraint, nothing else would be needed to make the soul perfectly miserable.
- The secondary purpose of relationships concern expressing the importance of a relationship with Jesus with everyone we come across, loving others even as we love ourselves.

Pr. 3:27, 28. Mat. 7:12; 22:39, 40. Rom. 13:8, 10. Ga. 5:14. Col. 3:14. 1 Ti. 1:5. Ja. 2:8

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
Matthew 28:19-20

In closing ...

The faithful steward of relationship remains primarily concerned with their relationship with Jesus- revealing the intimacy, depth, and love of that relationship with all others.

Digging Deeper

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

- How would you explain the Gospel in just ten words?
- How do you relate spiritual things to every day matters?
- How might you remove the fear of evangelism?

Tract read...

Did I firmly believe, as millions say they do, that the knowledge and practice of religion in this life influences destiny in another, religion would mean to me everything.

I would cast away earthly enjoyments as dross, earthly cares as follies, and earthly thoughts and feelings as vanity. Religion would be my first waking thought, and my last image before sleep sank me into unconsciousness.

I should labor in its cause alone. I would take thought for the morrow of Eternity alone. I would esteem one soul gained for heaven worth a life of suffering. Earthly consequences should never stay my hand, nor seal my lips. Earth, its joys and its griefs, would occupy no moment of my thoughts. I would strive to look upon Eternity alone, and on the Immortal Souls around me, soon to be everlastingly happy or everlastingly miserable. I would go forth to the world and preach to it in season and out of season, and my text would be, "what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

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