

Lesson 2

Types of Relationships

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- Types of love
 - Eros – Romance; passion; physical attraction
 - Phileo – natural love; to care for; to have affection for (degrees of affection); friendship;
 - Storge – love for family
 - Agape – an enduring love; a sacrificial love; an “in-spite” of love
- Types of Relationships
 - Amorous (Eros)
 - Affectionate
 - Infatuated
 - Romantic
 - Passionate

This type of relationship can be healthy, joyful, and fulfilling, or unhealthy, disastrous, and unsatisfying. Passion is like a fire. It can comfort you and keep you warm or it can scald you leaving ugly scars or even consume you to ashes.

- Types of Relationships
 - Emotion
 - Feeling
 - To care for
 - To like
 - Varied levels of affection

Eros and Phileo: Many times relationships began with physical attraction and lead to different degrees of affections. In a relationship, one can be merely physically attracted while the other holds a great level of affection. This can lead to a great pain for both.

Relationships done God's way can be healthy, joyful, and fulfilling.

1 John 5:3–4 Loving God means keeping his commandments, and **His commandments are not burdensome**.⁴ For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith.

A Romantic Relationship should only be pursued by individuals who first knows each other – 2 Cor. 6:14; cares for each other unto the degree of agape love - an enduring love; a sacrificial love; an “in-spite” of love.

If either of the party can't commit to this type of love, God says that it is best for each one not to be joined in romantic love.

1 Corinthians 7:9 (NLT) But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee immorality. Every *other* sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body.

For this reason, the apostle appealed once again to a teaching which he had already given the Corinthians. The Christian's **body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit takes up residence in believers, making their bodies a holy place for the dwelling of God's special presence. That the Holy Spirit resides in believers points to the new nature of believers' bodies. Believers' bodies are sanctified and holy, being in union with Christ. When a person in Christ engages in sexual immorality, that immorality runs contrary to the new nature and new identity of his body. The Christian has been redeemed for good works (Eph. 2:10), so he ought to use his body for good deeds and righteousness, not for sin. (Richard L. Pratt Jr. – Holman NT Commentary)

A Healthy Romantic Relationship contains Eros and Phileo undergirded by Agape.
Ephesians 5:22-31