

RELATIONSHIP GOALS



Relationship Goals - Part 2 - What's Love Got to Do With It
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The World's Way:

1. Find the right person.
2. Fall in love.
3. Fix all my hopes and dreams on them.
4. If failure occurs, repeat steps 1, 2 & 3.

God's Way:

1. **BECOME** the right person.
2. **WALK** in love.
3. Fix all my hopes and dreams on **GOD**.
4. If failure occurs, repeat steps 1, 2 & 3.

¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. - Ephesians 5:1-2

The Big Idea: Love is not just a FEELING; it is a CHOICE.

LOVE CHOICES

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

1) I will choose PATIENCE

Love is **patient**... - 1 Corinthians 13:4

2) I will choose KINDNESS.

⁴ Love is patient, love is **kind**... - 1 Corinthians 13:4

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - Romans 5:8

3) I will choose HUMILITY.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is **not proud**. - 1 Corinthians 13:4

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross! - Philippians 2:5-8

4) I will choose HONOR.

It does not **dishonor others**, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. - 1 Corinthians 13:5

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- 1 Corinthians 13:6-7