

Living For Relationship

Insight for Living Series (IFL-04)

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- Psalm 19:7-8

The Greatest Commandment

- Matthew 22:37-40
 - John 15:12-13
- Romans 12:9-21
 - Don't just pretend – really love others with genuine affection
 - Take delight in honoring each other (giving preference)
 - Bless and pray that God will bless those who persecute you
 - Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people
 - Don't think you know it all
 - Never pay back evil for evil
 - Do all that you can (so far as it depends on you) to live in peace with everyone
 - Let God take revenge
- 1 Peter 2:23
- Psalm 119:154

The Family

- Every relationship in the kingdom of God uses familial terms to identify and define those relationships
 - Father God
 - We are his children – heirs of God and coheirs with Christ
 - Jesus is the bridegroom – the church is his bride
 - We are brothers and sisters in Christ
 - We have spiritual fathers and mothers and sons and daughters in the faith

- Ephesians 5:31-33
 - Husband and wife are united as one
 - An illustration of Christ and the church as one
- Ephesians 5:21-28
 - Submit to one another
 - For wives – submit to husband as to the Lord
 - For husbands – love your wife as Christ loved the church – he gave up his life for her
- Ephesians 5:1-2
 - Imitate God because you are his dear children
 - Follow the example of Christ – offered himself as a sacrifice

Loving people – the test of spiritual relationship

- 1 John 4:20-21
- Colossians 3:13

Reconciliation

- 2 Corinthians 5:19
- Matthew 5:23-24
 - Go and be reconciled to that person.
- Matthew 18:15
 - Go privately and point out the offense.
- A measure of spiritual maturity – willing to go for reconciliation
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- Insight for living – for a glorious destiny
 - Maintain relationships – walking in love
 - Reconciling relationships - with sacrificial love