

Healthy Relationships

**I John 1:9 We love because He
first loved us.**

What is God's perspective of marriage? What is the purpose of marriage?

God created marriage to bring glory to God, but how does marriage do that?

Genesis 1:27 God created man in
His own image, in the image of
God He created him; male and
female He created them. (NASB)



Genesis 1:28 God blessed them; and
God said to them, “Be fruitful and
multiply, and fill the earth, and
subdue it; and rule over the fish of
the sea and over the birds of the sky
and over every living thing that
moves on the earth.” (NASB)

**Satan's strategy has been to
destroy the foundation of
God's plan of redemption, by
minimizing and redefining
marriage.**



God defines marriage as this:

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. (NASB)

In the New Testament, Jesus described marriage this way:

Matthew 19:6 “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” (NASB)

Matt. 11:28-30 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” (NASB)

**God is God and His way
works...His plan works
every time!**



What are some of Satan's strategies to destroy relationships that are already established?

1. Expectations

**How do we not allow our
relationships to
deteriorate?**

**Understand how relationships
typically decline.**



Stages of Decline in Relationships:

Stage #1: Dream

Stage #2: Disappointment



Stage #3: Discouragement

Stage #4: Distance

Stage #5: Disconnect

Stage #6: Discord

Stage #7: Emotional Divorce

**Should we have
expectations in our
relationships?**

**Did God's offer of a relationship
with Him, come with any
expectations?**

How do we overcome this improper thinking?

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed by the renewing of your mind*, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

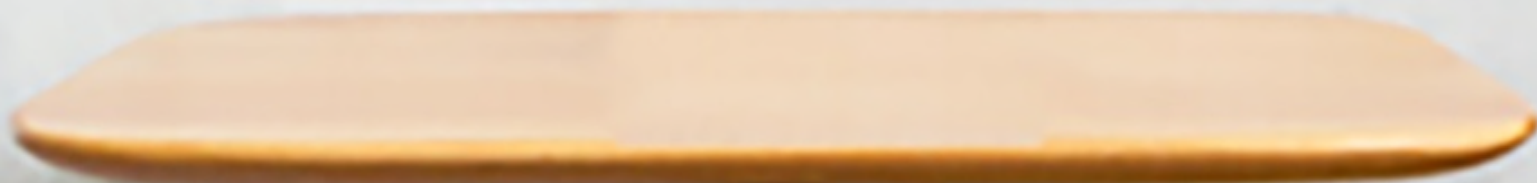
What is God's answer to developing strong relationships?

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Are you a “*here I am*” person,
or a “*there you are*” person?

**The answer is found in
whether you are
longsuffering or not!**

Matt. 20:25-28 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. 26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,



**27 and whoever wishes to be first
among you shall be your slave; 28
just as the Son of Man did not come
to be served, but to serve, and to give
His life a ransom for many.” (NASB)**



But someone has to make the first move right? Who should that be?

God established that men are to take the lead and be the leaders in the home.

Husbands should set the pace to “out-serve” their mate.

John 13:13-17 You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.



**15 For I gave you an example that you
also should do as I did to you. 16
Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not
greater than his master, nor is one
who is sent greater than the one who
sent him. 17 If you know these things,
you are blessed if you do them.**

**Do you want to be blessed
in your relationships?**

**Become a “*there you are*”
person focused on
serving others!**