

Solving Relational Problems

Series: Relationships

What The Bible Says About Relationships

1. Nothing Matters More Than Relationships

“The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Galatians 5:14

“... if I don’t love others, I would be nothing!” 1 Corinthians 13:2

2. Relationships Can Be Difficult Because We All Make Mistakes

“There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake.”
Ecclesiastes 7:20

“The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.”
Galatians 5:17

3. The Root Of Relational Problems Is Self-Centeredness

“Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you. You want things, but you do not have them... So you argue and fight.” James 4:1-2

“The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man ‘unclean.’”
Matthew 15:18

“The wrong things the sinful self does are clear... hating, making trouble, being jealous, being angry, being selfish, making people angry with each other, causing divisions among people, feeling envy, being drunk... and doing other things like these.” Galatians 5:19-21

“If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”
Galatians 5:15-16

How Can I Solve My Relational Problems?

1. Face Up To My Sinful Nature

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

2. Face Up To My Disappointments

“In the world you will have trouble.” John 16:33

3. Focus On Spirit-Centered Living

“We get our new life from the Spirit, so we should follow the Spirit. We must not be proud or make trouble with each other or be jealous.” Galatians 5:25-26

“The Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23

Self-Centered Living

Galatians 5:20-21

Hating

Making Trouble

Being Jealous

Being Angry

Being Selfish

Making People Angry With Each Other

Causing Division

Feeling Envy

Being Drunk

Spirit-Centered Living
Galatians 5:22-23

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-control