

Relationships



MEMORY VERSE: "I love all who love Me. Those who search will surely find Me."
Proverbs 8:17

Your relationship with God is the foundation for all your relationships.

DAY 1 PROVERBS — Relationship with God

1. God created us to have a relationship with Him. What do the following verses tell you?
vv. 1 John 4:9-10

v. James 4:8

v. John 10:27

2. What does Mark 12:29 tell you about what God wants from you?

3. What does your relationship with God look like in your life?
(i.e. importance, time together, listening & talking...)

DAY 2 PROVERBS — Relationship with Parents

4. Proverbs gives us God's instructions for a godly family life. He is talking about the people that take care of us, nurture us, protect us and love us. As you honor, obey, love and respect these people, you are honoring and obeying God. What does Proverbs 6:20 tell you? Why? vs. 6:21-23

5. Read Proverbs 15:5. What does your relationship with your parents look like? What changes would you like to make?

6. Read Proverbs 13:24. How do you think discipline is evidence of love?

7. Read Proverbs 22:6. Even though this verse doesn't guarantee a child's future choices, what do you think it means?

DAY 3

PROVERBS — Relationship with Friends

8. What traits are most important to you in a friend? What kind of friend would you say you are?

9. What do these Proverbs tell you?

v. 17:17

v. 27:9

v. 27:17

v. 18:24

Why are these traits so important?.

10. What do these Proverbs tell you that destroys friendships?

v. 16:28

v. 18:19

v. 25:19

Why are these traits so destructive?

DAY 4 PROVERBS — Relationships with Neighbors

11. Our neighbor includes all mankind - even our enemies! What does Jesus tell you in John 13:34?
12. What do these Proverbs tell you about your enemies?
v. 24:17

v. 25:21
13. Mark 12:31 also tells us to “*Love your neighbor as yourself.*” What are ways you can show love to your neighbors?

DAY 5 PROVERBS - Relationships — Wrap Up

14. How would working on your relationship with God help all your other relationships?
15. How do you think God wants you to handle difficult relationships?

TAKE AWAY

When you are with a friend, think of what you can do to encourage, compliment, support or help them.

BLESSING

The most important thing in life is your relationships; first, your relationship with God and secondly, your relationships with other people.

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1 John 4:9-10 God showed how much He loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.
James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.
John 10:27 (Jesus said:) My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.
Mark 12:30 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength...

6:20 My son, obey your father's commands, and don't neglect your mother's instruction.
21 Keep their words always in your heart... When you walk, their counsel will lead you.
22 When you sleep, they will protect you. When you wake up, they will advise you.
23 For their command is a lamp and their instruction a light; their corrective discipline is the way to life.
15:5 Only a fool despises a parent's discipline; whoever learns from correction is wise.
13:24 Those who spare the rod of discipline hate their children. Those who love their children care enough to discipline them.
22:6 Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it.
23:25 So give your father and mother joy! May she who gave you birth be happy.

17:17 A friend is always loyal...
27:9 The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.
27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.
18:24 There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.
16:28 A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.
18:19 An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.
25:19 Putting confidence in an unreliable person in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot.
John 13:34 Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.
24:17 Don't rejoice when your enemies fall; don't be happy when they stumble.
25:21 If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink.

Wisdom: God-given understanding, ability to distinguish between right and wrong, insight, discernment. The ability to look at life from God's point of view and then choosing to live it out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Fear of the Lord: profound reverence and awe toward God; respect for God's character, words, actions and position that leads to love and obedience; true honor, devotion and surrender to God.

