

#4 "Resetting Your Relationships" Part 1



1. Know God's requirement for your relationships.

- **Luke 10:25-37**

God gives us additional requirements for different relationships:

- Families.

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

Ephesians 5:33 (NIV) However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT) Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

- Leaders.

Romans 13:1, 2 (NIV) Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

Romans 13:7 (NLT) ... And give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

Hebrews 13:17 (NIV) Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

- Teachers.

Proverbs 23:12 (GNT) Pay attention to your teacher and learn all you can.

- Employers and employees.

Colossians 3:23-4:1 (MSG) Do your best. Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you'll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you're serving is Christ. The sullen servant who does shoddy work will be held responsible. Being a follower of Jesus doesn't cover up bad work. And masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don't forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master — God in heaven.

Daniel 6:3 (NKJV) Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

- Friendships.

Proverbs 17:17 (NLT) A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

- Fellow believers.

Romans 12:9, 10 (NLT) Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.