

Family 1st



Sunday Morning Series

Nurturing Healthy Relationships

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We need to put the family first! In this specific lesson we will focus on nurturing healthy relationships. We have all kinds of relationships in life but we have to wonder if they are healthy or unhealthy? How would God feel about your relationships? Are you “unequally yoked” with non-believers (II Corinthians 6:14)? Have you eliminated unhealthy relationships? Let’s study together...

Discussion:

I. Healthy Relationships Matter to God

- A. God wants us to build relationships (Ephesians 1:5, 3:15, James 1:18).
- B. God wants us to seek companionship (Galatians 3:26-27, I Timothy 3:15, I John 3:1-3).
- C. God wants us to find friendship (Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 13:8, Galatians 5:6).

II. Healthy Relationships Matter to Jesus

- A. The ministry of Jesus was about relationships (Matthew 4:19, Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10).
- B. The teaching of Jesus was about relationships (Matthew 5:21-22, 7:12, 18:15-17).
- C. The work of the disciples of Jesus was about relationships (Matthew 28:18-20, II Corinthians 5:17-19, Colossians 3:13).

III. Healthy Relationships Matter to Christian Families

- A. We should be concerned (James 4:1-2, Matthew 5:23-24, Philippians 2:4).
- B. We should be considerate (Romans 15:2, Matthew 7:5, Proverbs 15:1).
- C. We should be cooperative (I Peter 3:11, Romans 12:18, Matthew 19:1-9).

Conclusion: God’s rules are not unreasonable (Romans 12:1-2). God has a plan for your life and He has put people in your pathway. Nurture relationships that can help you in your Christian walk. Where are you in your walk? Where is your family headed? How are things within your spiritual family? If you are not living as a faithful and godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you!