

February 27 – March 5, 2010
BUILDING QUALITY RELATIONSHIPS – Part 2

In this lesson you will learn the need for godly relationships and how to develop them.

- I. The importance of relationships.
 - A. Hebrews 10:24 – “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.” To consider means to discover. You can discover others by asking people their testimony or asking if they need prayer for anything. When you ask questions, it shows you care. To consider also means to provoke, urge each other, excite, or irritate.

- II. God created us with a need for relationship with Him and other people.
 - A. Sin will break down your relationship with God and others. Sin is when you know to do good, and you do not do it. Repentance will put you back in relationship with others.
 - B. Old Testament – Repentance and blood sacrifice of animals.
 - C. New Testament – Repentance and receiving Jesus’ blood sacrifice for sins of all mankind. Repentance requires humbling yourself and admitting your wrong to God. Through salvation you are now new in the Body of Christ and in God’s family (I Corinthians 12:27).

- III. If you don’t have godly relationships you can become deceived (I Peter 5:8).
 - A. The way to protect yourself from deception is to read God’s Word daily, pray daily, be rightly related in the Body of Christ, and give out of yourself.

- IV. Five reasons people don’t form quality relationships.
 - A. Fear, rejection.
 - B. Sense of inferiority or insecurity.
 - C. Timidity.
 - D. Self-preservation from being hurt.
 - E. Feeling of not having time for relationships.

- V. What to look for in quality relationships (I Peter 4:8).
 - A. Find relationships that will protect you and not let you go.
 - B. You need people in your life who will sharpen you.
 - C. You need people who are trustworthy.
 - D. Be what you want others to be. Be a bridge builder and help reconcile people to God and others.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Is your lack of relationships because of one of the five reasons in this lesson?
- Was there a time in your life you were deceived due to lack of relationships?
- Do you consider yourself a godly friend and do you have godly relationships?

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week evaluate your relationships and ask yourself if they are godly relationships that meet the criteria in this lesson. Begin to pray and look for these type of friends.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Hebrews 10:24 – “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.”