Personal Relationships
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I. Introduction.

    A. We should make it our aim to be one with one another and love each other well. (Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 2:3-5; Acts 3:12-15)

II. Aim of relationships.

    A. You either aim at self-interest or love. (Matthew 22; Romans 13:10)

    B. We need to take an honest look at our goal in personal relationships.

III. Attitude of relationships.

    A. Allowances. (Ephesians 4:2)

        1. For differences in each other.

        2. By forgiving. (Colossians 3:13)

    B. Acknowledging.

        1. The other person's work.

        2. The other person's presence.

        3. Everything you have is at the grace and mercy of God.

    C. Accepting others. (2 Corinthians 10:12)

    D. Live in accord. (Romans 15:5; Amos 3:3; Psalm 133:1)

    E. Allegiance or loyalty. (1 Corinthians 13:7)

    F. Amenable or teachable. (Romans 12:16; Proverbs 10:8)

    G. Agreeable or easy to live with. (Proverbs 15:4, 15; Ephesians 4:23-24)

IV. Actions of relationships. (Romans 15:2-3)

    A. Availability.

    B. Adapting and adjusting. (1 Peter 3:1; Ephesians 5:22)

    C. Apologizing. (Ephesians 4:26-27)

    D. Appreciating. (Romans 12:21; Proverbs 11:17)

    E. Approving or affirming. (Proverbs 12:21; Philippians 4:8)

F. Attention to needs. (Isaiah 42:3; 50:4; Proverbs 31:11-12)

G. Above board relationships. (Ephesians 4:15; 4:25)

H. Accommodating. (Hebrews 10:24; Isaiah 32:2; 1 Peter 4:9-10)

I. Addressing and answering one another. (Proverbs 20:5; James 1:19; Proverbs 10:19)

V. Application.

    A. Avoid...

        1. Being annoying. (Ephesians 4:31-32, 26)

        2. Abrasiveness.

        3. Being anti-social. (Proverbs 14:1; Romans 12:21)

    B. Abide in the Almighty. (1 John 2:28; John 15:5)

    C. Live an authentic life. (1 Timothy 4:12, 16; Acts 4:13; Psalm 19:14)

    D. Put on the armor of God. (Ephesians 4:16)

Application questions:

1. What are some areas you need to grow in as a friend or roommate?

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2. What are some transgressions you have made against others that you need to make right?

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3. What is your plan for growing as a friend or roommate? Be specific.

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