

## Dynamics of Godly Relationships Relationship Principles

**Introduction:** We're beginning a new series entitled: Dynamics of Godly Relationships. The objective of our series is to teach the principles of godly relationships, so we can better our current relationships.

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

**Definition:** Relationship is described as a **connection** between two or more people who **relate** to one another on a **particular level**.

### Disposable Relationships:

1. **Value** – It's not worth it
2. **Useless** – You're not getting anything out of it
3. **Replaceable** – I can get another

### 3 Levels of Relationship:

1. Self-interest - "I" (what do you offer – consumerism)
2. Soulmate – "We" (we get one another)
3. Spiritual – "Selfless"

"Life's **equates** to relationship."

### Points to the Message:

**Principle #1** – God created humans for \_\_\_\_\_.

Then God said, "Let us make man in **our image**, in **our likeness**, and **let them rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. **Genesis 1:26 (NIV)**

God **blessed them** and said to them, "Be **fruitful** and **increase** in number; fill the earth and subdue it. **Rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creation that moves on the ground. **Genesis 1:28 (NIV)**

- **Attraction** – "image and likeness" (relatable)
- **Assignment** – "rule over the earth" (purpose)
- **Action** – "**fruitful and increase**" (fulfilling)

**"God is relational!"**

**Love** the Lord your God with **all** your **heart** and with **all** your **soul** and with **all** your **strength**. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

**Principle #2** – God created humans to be \_\_\_\_\_

The Lord God said, "It is **not good** for the man to **be alone**. I will make a **helper suitable** for him." Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

- not good to be alone (independent – without connection)
- I will make a helper (interrelationship - supporter)
- suitable for him (interdependent - match)

"The **whole** world is **connected** or **disconnected** by relationships."

"Relationships bring into our lives something we **innately** desire and cannot do for ourselves without a relationship."

**"Relationships give life to life."**

**Principle #3.** We form relationships by \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

The man said, "This is now **bone** of **my bones** and **flesh** of **my flesh**; she shall be **called 'woman,'** for she was taken out of man. For this reason, a man will **leave** his father and mother and be **united** to his wife, and they will **become one flesh**." Genesis 3:23-24 (NIV)

a) **Connection**

- (1) Attraction – are you desirable
- (2) Similarities – are we alike (parallels, likenesses)
- (3) Complement – are we a match
- (4) Proximity – are we going to meet (time together)

b) **Closeness** – we **disclose** ourselves (intimacy)

The man and his wife were **both naked**, and they felt **no shame**. **Genesis 2:25 (NIV)**

- Transparency
- Acceptance
- Support

**Take Away:** Relationship Principles

**Principle #1.** God created humans for \_\_\_\_\_ by His image (attraction) and likeness (similarities).

**Principle #2.** God created humans to be \_\_\_\_\_, so they can experience life in its fullness through each other.

**Principle #3.** We form relationships by \_\_\_\_\_ and grow in in relationships by \_\_\_\_\_.

**Next Week:** God's triangular relationship