

## GET REAL ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIPS OF LIFE!

### Philippians 2:1-5

- I. Enjoy The Divine Blessings God Has For You. 2:1**
1. Let The Lord Encourage You.
  2. Let The Lord Love You.
  3. Let The Lord Fellowship With You.
  4. Let The Lord Be Good To You.
- II. Exhibit The Divine Behavior God Expects From You. 2:2-4**
1. Strive For Unity. 2:2
  2. Serve With Humility. 2:3
  3. Seek After Sensitivity. 2:4
- III. Embrace The Divine Blueprint God Puts Before You. 2:5**
1. Know The Importance Of Your Mind.
  2. Know The Importance Of Your Model.

## **How to Bless Rather Than Curse Your Relationships**

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1. Make a choice (commitment) to accept that person as they are recognizing that they were made in God's image (Gen. 1:26-27) and that Christ died for them (John 3:16). Accepting them does not entail always affirming their actions (Phil. 2:3-5).
2. Receive that person as someone valuable in your life. God will use them to conform you more to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:28-30).
3. Accept personal responsibility for that relationship. Do not play the blame game (Prov. 14:16; 15:12, 32; 28:13; Eph. 4:29-31).
4. Rejoice and value the differences, looking for the positive. (See the Song of Solomon).
5. Determine to communicate in a godly manner (Prov. 4:24; 10:11, 19-21, 31-32; 26:20-28) by:
  - a) Sharing (Prov. 11:13-14; 25:11-12; Eph. 4:15).
  - b) Listening (Prov. 12:15; 15:22; 19:27; 21:23; 29:11, 20; James 1:19).
  - c) Talking (Prov. 15:1, 23, 28; 16:24; Eph. 4:25-27).
6. Never assume anything. Grow in your understanding of others (Prov. 3:3-4, 7; 17:27-28; 18:1-2, 13, 15; 19:2).
7. Be an encourager. (Prov. 3:27; 12:25; 15:15; 17:22, 1 Cor. 8:1; 13:7).
8. Be real: be honest and willing to admit your own failures. Learn to say, "I am sorry, I was wrong. Will you forgive me?" (Eph. 4:32; Jam. 5:16).
9. Accept yourself in Christ (Gal. 2:20; Eph. 1:3-14). It will free you to love and accept others without either a superiority or inferiority complex (1 Cor. 13:4).
10. Be a *Lover*: Learn to speak in a language that they will understand (1 Cor. 13:4-8).

Words  
Touch  
Service

Gifts  
Time