

Our Five Most Important Earthly Relationships!

#RelationshipGoals God's Way! Pt.6

Romans 1:16; Matthew 4:19

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Every Earthly Relationship Needs 3 Things:

Love Respect The Gospel

Romans 1:16, *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.*

Matthew 4:19, *“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”*

Our Five Most Important Earthly Relationships:

1. To Our PARENTS - Honor And Blessings

(Exodus 20:12)

7 Suggestions For Loving The “Unlovable” Parent:

- Forgive them and pray for them.
- Demonstrate the actions they should have shown you.
- Share the Gospel with them.
- Focus on the good things they did.
- Act towards them with kindness and mercy.
- Choose to speak kindly about them.
- Teach your children what it means to honor your parents without repeating their mistakes.

2. To Our SPOUSE - Love And Respect

(Ephesians 5:33; 1 Corinthians 7:8-28)

3. To Our CHILDREN - Teach And Don't Provoke

(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

4. To Our FRIENDS - Build Up And Encourage

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

5. To Our NEIGHBORS - Love And The Gospel

Matthew 22:37, *Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

1 Corinthians 9:22, *...I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.*

5 C's of Cottonwood Creek:

- Community
- Crowd
- Congregation
- Committed
- Commissioned

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

Further Study: Joshua 24:15, Proverbs 13:20; 15:20; 27:6; Matthew 7:12; 5:43-48, Luke 10:30-37, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 13:4-7; 15:33, Philippians 2:3, 1 Timothy 5:8, 1 Peter 3:9

- **Christ And The Gospel:** Take some time this week to consider how you can demonstrate Christ and the Gospel in those five important earthly relationships!
- **Loving The “Unlovable” Parent, Spouse, Child, Friend, Neighbor:**
 - 1) Is there anything in my character or behavior that keeps that person from loving or respecting me?
 - 2) Is there anything they have done that I haven't forgiven them of that keeps me from loving or respecting them?

Next Step:

- For all our guests, we would like to invite you to a question and answer time with Pastor John Mark today at 12:15p in the Game Plan Center. Lunch is provided.