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**MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS KEY TO ALL
OTHER RELATIONSHIPS**



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

Matthew 22:37–39 (NIV)





But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

Jude 20–21 (NIV)





Loving God first and
accepting His love
empowers me to be the
person I need to be in all
my other relationships.

God in my life enables me
to be the best version of
me.

Someone who feels loved will respond differently than someone who is insecure.

As I begin to understand God's love for me, I am not approaching relationships from a position of insecurity.

I should not have to rely on someone who is imperfect to give me what God was intended to provide in my life.



When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19–21 (NLT)





But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22–23 (NIV)





So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Galatians 5:16 (NLT)





Therefore do not let sin **reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires.

Romans 6:12 (NIV)





If you declare with your mouth, “**Jesus is Lord,**” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

Romans 10:9–11 (NIV)



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**I MUST FOCUS ON WHAT I HAVE THE ABILITY
TO CONTROL**



So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Romans 14:12 (NIV)





But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.

Matthew 12:36 (NIV)





“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

Matthew 5:43–48 (NIV)





If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43–48 (NIV)





I must act appropriately
regardless of how another
person behaves.



My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

James 1:19–20 (NIV)





keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:16 (NIV)





In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

Titus 2:7–8 (NIV)



I can't control others in a relationship, but I should be able to control myself, so I will strive to be the person God wants me to be.



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“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, **that all of them may be one**, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17:20–21 (NIV)





I have given them the glory that you gave me, **that they may be one as we are one**— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity**.

Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17:22–23 (NIV)





If Jesus tells us that our unity
is the key to the world
believing that God sent Jesus,
doesn't it make sense that
Satan would attack
relationships?



You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them,
because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in
the world.

1 John 4:4 (NIV)



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I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE BUT GOD DEFINE ME

- I am loved
- I am special
- I am created in His image
- God knows me and still loves me
- He forgives me
- He gives me purpose
- He cares about me

- He comforts me
- He helps me
- He empowers me
- He guides me
- He sees worth in me even when others don't
- He died for me



To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. “He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, **he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.**

1 Peter 2:21–23 (NIV)



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