

Relationships

Life Principles – Part 1

Life Church St. Louis – April 28, 2019

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Proverbs 2:6 (ESV) For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

Proverbs 2:12-13 (ESV) delivering you from the way of evil, from men of perverted speech, who forsake the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness,

1. _____ is based on truth

1 John 1:1-2 (ESV) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—

1A. _____ the truth

1 John 1:3-4 (ESV) that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

1B. _____ the truth

1 John 1:5-6 (ESV) This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

2. _____ of fellowship

2A. Walk in the _____

1 John 1:7, 9 (ESV) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ... If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

2B. Walk away from _____

1 John 2:1 (ESV) My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

3. Show _____

3 John 1:4 (ESV) I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

3A. Advance the _____

3 John 1:5-7a (ESV) Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, ...

3B. Avoid _____

3 John 1:9-11a (ESV) I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church. Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What are the conditions for God's guidance in your life according to Proverbs 3:5-6?

How does God warn us of walking on wrong paths in life (Proverbs 2:6, 12-13)?

What influence does a person's relationship with God have on their relationships with other people?

What should be the focus of a believer's fellowship with other believers?

1A. Why does John begin his discussion of fellowship by focusing on his relationship with Jesus (1 John 1:1-2)?

1B. What is the two-fold goal of John in writing his letter (1 John 1:3-4)?

1C. What is the relationship between having fellowship with God and a person's lifestyle (1 John 1:5-6)?

1D. Why is it important to determine whether those we know who claim to be Christians are truly believers? According to John, what is the visible evidence of a believer?

2A. What does it mean to walk in the light (1 John 1:7-9)?

2B. How can a person keep walking in the light even if they sin (1 John 1:9, 2:1)?

2C. What happens to the fellowship between believers if one does not walk in the light (1 John 1:7)?

2D. Why is it essential that we as believers forgive those who have sinned against us (Matthew 6:15)? Why do you think that one quarter of practicing Christians in America say there is someone they cannot forgive?

3A. What did John commend Gaius for doing in 3 John 1:1-8?

3B. Why would someone in the church do the things that Diotrephes did (3 John 1:9-11)?

3C. In what ways can we practice hospitality towards missionaries, other believers or unbelievers?