

Relation-Shifts Part 1: It's Not You, It's Me

(Romans 12:18 NASB) If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Ships

✓ Mentorship

(Proverbs 22:6 ESV) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

✓ Friendship

(Proverbs 27:17 NLT) As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

✓ Courtship

(Proverbs 18:22 NCV) When a man finds a wife, he finds something good. It shows that the Lord is pleased with him.

(1 Corinthians 7:8-9 NLT) So I say to those who aren't married and to widows—it's better to stay unmarried, just as I am. But if they can't control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It's better to marry than to burn with lust.

✓ Partnership

Partnership: Where people are equally committed to each other and a cause.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT) Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

(1 Corinthians 3:9 ESV) For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building

(Philippians 1:4-5 NIV) In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

(Mark 10:6-9 NIV) "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Shifts

1. Shift from working on our relationships to working on ourselves.

(Genesis 3:6-13 NLT) The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. 7At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. 8When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the lord God among the trees. 9Then the lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." 11"Who told you that you were naked?" the lord God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." 13Then the lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

(Galatians 6:5 NLT) For we are each responsible for our own conduct.

2. Shift from focusing on what you want to understanding the process that got you there.

(2 Timothy 2:15 NASB) Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

(James 1:19-20 NLT) Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.