

***Relating to the Rest of the Community***

Relating to Families

Relating to Seniors

Relating to Children

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*Next Week: Idolatry, Loneliness & Contentment in the Single Life  
(Week 4)*

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Core Seminars—*Singleness and Courtship*

## **Singleness & Relationships (Week 3)**

### **Part 1. Relationships in the Christian Life**

***The Foundation for Christian Relationships: Unity in Christ by Faith***

References: Galatians 3:28; John 17:20.

***The Goal of Christian Relationships: Spurring One Another on to Greater Faith, Love, Self-Sacrifice and Maturity***

References: Hebrews 10:24-25; John 15:12-13; Eph 4:11-13.

“One another” references: John 13:34-35; Romans 12:10; 13:18; 15:7, 14; Ephesians 4:2, 23; 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

## ***The Nature of Our Christian Relationships: Family-like Relations***

“Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. *Treat* younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and *younger women as sisters, with absolute purity*” (1 Timothy 5:1-2).

- With care, concern, service and self-sacrifice.
- With interest and knowledge.
- With encouragement to grow spiritually.
- With love.
- With purity.

## ***The Priority of Our Christian Relationships: Membership in a Local Church***

“We will walk together in brotherly love, as becomes the members of a Christian Church, *exercise an affectionate care and watchfulness over each other and faithfully admonish and entreat one another* as occasion may require.”

“We will *rejoice at each other's happiness* and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to *bear each other's burdens and sorrows.*”

“We will *work together for the continuance of a faithful evangelical ministry* in this church, as we sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines.”

## **Part 2. The Single Life in the Context of the Church**

### ***Relating to Other Same-Sex Single Adults***

### ***Relating to Opposite-Sex Single Adults***

## **The Single Friendship Continuum**

| <b><i>Promiscuous</i></b>                   | <b><i>Biblical Friendship</i></b>                                  | <b><i>Paranoid</i></b>                                   |
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| Leading them on<br>“Interested”<br>Flirting | 1 Tim 5:1<br>Family-like relations<br>Brothers & Sisters in Christ | Fear of rejection<br>Protecting hearts<br>Not Interested |