

Relating to the Rest of the Community

Relating to Families

Relating to Seniors

Relating to Children

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

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Core Seminars—Singleness & Courtship **Class 3: Singleness & Relationships**



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

“¹Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers, ²the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.” (1st 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		
<i>Promiscuous</i>	<i>Biblical Friendship</i>	<i>Paranoid</i>
Leading them on “Interested” Flirting	1 Tim 5:1 Family-like relations Brothers & Sisters in Christ	Fear of rejection Protecting hearts Not Interested