



DÉVELOPPER DE BONNES RELATIONS DANS UN CONTEXTE MULTICULTUREL



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QUE DIT LA BIBLE?***

RELATIONSHIP: WHAT DOES BIBLE SAY?



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INTRODUCTION

Simple definitions:

- ♥ **Culture** is the people's way of life (*language, music, food, dressing, music, religion, greetings, etc*)
- ♥ **Relationship** is the way in which two or more people or groups regard and behave towards each other.

- ♥ A person's culture affects his/her behaviour to a large extent.
- ♥ With many different cultures in an environment, relationship becomes difficult (@ home, school, residence, workplaces...)
- ♥ We can either **learn to cope** with the difficulty or choose to **be isolated!**



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GOD'S DESIRE REGARDING OUR RELATIONSHIPS

1. *God is the first candidate of relationship: his being shows it, His created beings show it.*

Genesis 1:26: Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness..."

Genesis 2:18: The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Angels are God's messengers but can't He do without Angels?

2. *God's desire is that we relate peacefully with all men*

- **Hebrews 12:14:** Pursue peace with **all men**, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.
- **Romans 12**
 - **12:15-** Be **happy with** those who are happy, and **weep with** those who weep.
 - **12:16-** **Live in harmony** with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the **company of** ordinary people. And **don't think you know it all!**
 - **12:17-** Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable.
 - **12:18-** If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, **live at peace** with everyone.

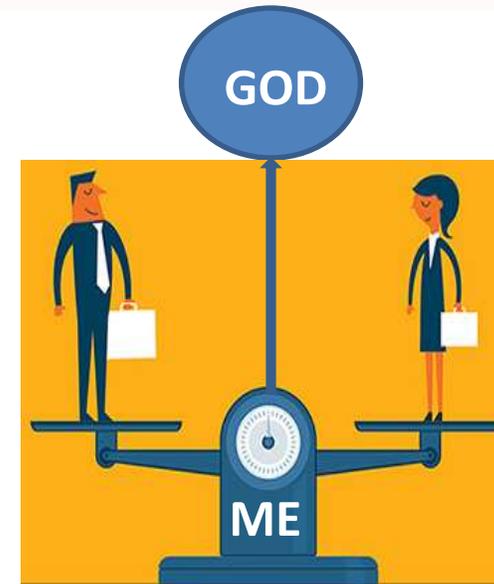


GOD'S DESIRE REGARDING OUR RELATIONSHIPS Contd.

3. *Jesus identifies two types of relationship* **Mark 12:29-31**

29 Jesus replied, “The **most important commandment** is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. **30** And you must **love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**’ **31** The second is equally important: ‘**Love your neighbour as yourself.**’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL RELATIONSHIPS



4. *A balanced life is not an option but a necessity*

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in **wisdom** and **stature**, and in **favour with God** and **man**.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR DEVELOPING GOOD RELATIONSHIP

Why many broken relationships and divorces in the world today?

1. Determine to be peacemaker

- ♥ **Matthew 5:9** *Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called **children of God**.*
- ♥ **Proverbs 17:14**: *Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.*

2. Focus on in the interest(needs) of others in every relationship

- ♥ **Proverbs 18:1** *Whoever **isolates** himself seeks his **own desire**; he breaks out against all sound judgment.*
- ♥ **Philippians 2:3-4**: ³ *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves**, ⁴ **not** looking to **your own** interests **but** each of you to the **interests of the others**.*

3. Open yourself for others to relate easily

- ♥ **Matthew 7:12**: *“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you...”*
- ♥ *First impression matters!*

4. Consider your words

- ♥ **Proverbs 15:1** *“A **gentle answer** will **calm** a person’s **anger**. But an unkind answer will cause more anger.*
- ♥ **Proverbs 16:24**: *Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body.*



5. Allow people to adjust and forgive easily, too many corrections spoil relationship

♥ **Colossian 3:13:** *“Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.*”

6. Initiate the relationship

Example from God.

♥ **James 4:8:** *“Come near to God, and he will come near to you. . .”*

Same principle with interpersonal relationship. We should sacrifice to go close to people.



WHY SHOULD WE PURSUE GOOD RELATIONSHIP

1. Each person on earth is a carrier of unique solutions to man **Jeremiah 1:5**

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

What God told Jeremiah is also true of each person

2. Our lives are improved at the same time **Proverbs 27:17**

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another

3. We need to fulfil the instruction of God **Leviticus 19:33-34**

³³ “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. ³⁴ The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God

4. We make more achievements and faster **Ecclesiastes 4**

9. *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour:*

10 *If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls*

*and has no one to help them up. **12** Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*



Some people are really difficult to relate with no matter how you try. What do you do?

1. Pray for them **Matthew 5:44-45**

⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ 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.

2. Don't return to them based on their actions **Romans 12:17,20**

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. . . . ²⁰ On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

Proverbs 24:29: Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done."

3. Ask God for wisdom to always know what and when to avoid **Proverbs 22:3**

When a wise person sees danger ahead, he avoids it. But a foolish person keeps going and gets into trouble.



Romans 12:18

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you,
live at peace with everyone.*





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ASPECTS PRATIQUES

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Relations humaines

Où en es-tu?

1. La valeur d'une personne?
2. Evaluer la qualité de tes relations actuelles

Conseils pour développer d'excellentes relations

3. Un principe de base: la mort à soi-même (l'amour)
4. Toute culture a des aspects positifs et négatifs
5. Se fixer des objectifs pour développer ses relations



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines

1. La valeur d'une personne?



La valeur d'une personne est déterminée par la manière dont elle traite les autres, c'est-à-dire la qualité de ses relations humaines

ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines

1. La valeur d'une personne?

En fin de compte, la chose la plus importante dans la vie d'une personne, c'est sa relation avec les autres:

- Ses proches (**femme, mari, enfants, frères, sœurs, patron, parents**)
- Ses subordonnés (**femme, enfants, pauvres, amis**)

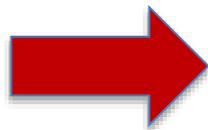


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Relations humaines

1. La valeur d'une personne?

- Manque de respect, Impolitesse
- Conflits réguliers
- Plus préoccupé par ce que le gens pense
- Autorité sur les faibles
- As tu des amis intimes (extérieur<> intérieur)
- Avis de tes proches (ange ou démon) ?



Qu'elle est ta valeur?

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Relations humaines

2. Evaluer la qualité de tes relations actuelles

- Comment traites tu les autres?
- Comment traites tu tes proches?
- Comment traites tu tes subordonnés?
- Est tu le plus grand ou plus petit dans tes relations?
- Donne, recherche, se plaindre
- Supportes tu avec bienveillance les faibles, lents, négligents, les idiots?
- Comment exprimes tu ta reconnaissance?



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines

2. Evaluer la qualité de tes relations actuelles

Veux tu vraiment faire du progrès?



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines



3. Un principe de base: **la mort à soi-même**,
- C'est moi qui doit aller vers les autres
 - Avant de s'engager, savoir que nous donnerons plus, nous devons porter notre croix et mourir pour les autres
 - Renoncer à tout (ses droits, avantages, privilèges)



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines



3. Un principe de base: **la mort à soi-même**

- Ne laisse pas les gens et les circonstances te contrôler (amertume, frustration)
- Ne pas se décourager et lutter contre sa chair
- Eviter de se justifier
- Prendre l'initiative de la renonciation



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines

4. Toute culture a des aspects positifs et négatifs

- Valeurs sociales, humaines
- Notion de temps
- Attitude face à l'argent
- Comprendre les codes de son environnement
- Savoir s'adapter
- Ne pas renoncer à ce qui est bien
- Savoir que nous sommes tous égaux



ASPECTS PRATIQUES

Relations humaines

5. Se fixer des objectifs pour développer ses relations

- Ne pas recevoir des autres
- Fais du don aux autres, ta manière de vivre
- Prends l'initiative



QUESTIONS



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