

Title: 3 Seasons of Relationships

Text: *"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight."*
(Proverbs 4:7)

Target: Honor God in every Season

1. Singleness-Season of Preparation: *"I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord"* (1 Cor. 7:35)

- a. **Deepen your Conviction:** (Romans 12:2, Colossians 2:6-7)
- b. **Discover your Calling:** (Ephesians 2:10, Jeremiah 29:11)
- c. **Develop your Character:** (Proverbs 10:9, Galatians 5:22-23)
- d. **Desire true Contentment:** (Phil. 4:11-13)
- e. **Deepen your Community:** (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- f. **Devoted to your Consecration:** (1 Thess. 4:3-5)

Question #1: *What areas of your life (convictions, character, contentment) do you feel God is calling you to strengthen in this season, and what practical steps can you take?*

Question #2: *How are you currently seeking God's purpose for your life, and in what ways might distractions or impatience be hindering your trust in His plan?*

Question #3: *Who are the people in your life that help you stay accountable in your faith, and how can you deepen your community for greater spiritual growth?*

Challenge: This week, take one intentional step toward deepening your devotion to God—whether through extended prayer, a fast, or seeking wisdom from a mentor.

2. Dating-Season of Evaluation: *"Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life"* (Proverbs 4:23)

- a. **Are they a Christian?** (2 Cor. 6:14, Matthew 7:16)
- b. **Do they share the same Convictions?** (Amos 3:3)
- c. **Do they possess Character?** (Romans 12:9-10)
 - i. Honor their Commitments?
 - ii. Pursuit of Purity?
 - iii. Truthful even when it's Hard?
- d. **Are we Compatible?** (Phil. 2:2)
- e. **Is there healthy Communication?** (Eph. 4:29)
- f. **Is there Chemistry?** (John 17:20-21)

Question #4: *How are you guarding your heart and ensuring that your relationship aligns with God's standards rather than your personal desires?*

Question #5: *In what ways have you or your partner demonstrated strong character and commitment to purity, and where is there room for growth?*

Question #6: *How do you and your partner communicate during disagreements? Are your conversations building each other up or tearing each other down?*

Challenge: Take time to pray individually and, if applicable, together, asking God to reveal any areas in your relationship that need refinement.

3. Married-Season of Demonstration: *What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.* (Mark 10:9)

a. Husbands: (Ephesians 5:25-33)

- i. Leads Her Spiritually:** (1 Cor. 11:3)
- ii. Serves Her Intentionally:** (Mark 10:45, John 13:4 *5 Love Languages)
- iii. Edifies Her Constantly:** (Proverbs 16:24)
- iv. Values Her Publically:** (Proverbs 31:28-29)
- v. Protects Her Emotionally:** (1 Peter 3:7)
- vi. Supports Her Financially:** (1 Timothy 5:8)
- vii. Respects Her Sexually:** (1 Cor. 7:3-4)

b. Wives: (Ephesians 5:22-24)

- i. Support him Spiritually:** (Proverbs 31:26)
- ii. Treat him Respectfully:** (Ephesians 5:33)
- iii. Encourages him Personally:** (1 Thess. 5:11)
- iv. Honors him Publicly:** (Proverbs 12:4)
- v. Patient with him Daily:** (Colossians 3:12)
- vi. Pursue him Intimately.** (Song of Solomon 7:10)

Question #7: *How do you currently demonstrate Christ's love to your spouse, and in what areas can you grow in serving, honoring, and protecting them?*

Question #8: *What specific ways do you and your spouse intentionally invest in your marriage spiritually, emotionally, and physically?*

Question #9: *When was the last time you spoke life into your spouse? How can you make encouragement a daily practice in your marriage?*

Challenge: Choose one intentional act of love this week—write a letter, pray over your spouse, or plan a meaningful date—to demonstrate Christ's love in action.

Takeaway: In singleness, grow in Christ; in dating, honor Christ; in marriage, reflect Christ.