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FOR
DELIGHT

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Relationships: Make or Break?

***Relationships
will either
make or break
your life.***



- 1. How relationships break*
- 2. How broken relationships are re-made*
- 3. How relationships are stayed*



1. How relationships break



Proverbs 10:18



***“He who conceals his hatred has lying lips,
and whoever spreads slander is a fool.”***



Hate is ill will.

***You have ill will
for someone
when you
begin to find
happiness
in their
unhappiness.***



***“Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when he stumbles,
do not let your heart rejoice ...”***

“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

A slander is any communication designed to diminish the person in the eyes of the listener.



***“Do not testify against your neighbour
without cause,
or use your lips to deceive.”***

1. How relationships break

2. How broken relationships are re-made



Four ways you can repair broken relationships.

Two dos and two don'ts.

- 1. Don't look down on the offender***
- 2. Don't make the offender pay you back for what they have done to you***
- 3. Do overcome evil with good***
- 4. Only after you have done all the above, do you consider confronting the offender***

***“A man who lacks judgment
derides his neighbour,
but a man of understanding
holds his tongue. A gossip betrays
a confidence, but a trustworthy man
keeps a secret.”***

Proverbs 24:28-29



“Do not testify against your neighbour without cause, or use your lips to deceive. Do not say, ‘I’ll do to him as he has done to me; I’ll pay that man back for what he did.’ ”

***“He who covers over an offense
promotes love,
but whoever repeats the matter
separates close friends.”***

***“Better is open rebuke than hidden love.
Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.”***

Proverbs 17:9



***“.....but whoever repeats the matter
separates close friends.”***

Proverbs 25:21-22



***“If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat;
if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals
on his head, and the Lord will reward you.”***

Romans 12:14-21



“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. [...] Do not repay anyone evil for evil. [...] Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ says the Lord.

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.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Proverbs 27:5-6



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Proverbs 24:17-18



***“Do not gloat when your enemy falls;
when he stumbles, do not let your heart
rejoice, or the Lord will see and disapprove
and turn his wrath away from him.”***

***“But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment [the wrath] that brought us
peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are
healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to his own way; and
the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”***