

FULFILMENT IN GOD'S WORD Part 4

When God made man, He set us up to be relational and interdependent. So He set up families, and communities of people. He therefore put in place principles and commands in His word for us to see fulfilment in our relational life. Without applying the word of God, we will always fail in this area of life.

Relationships which God has set in place are governed by His word; these are Marriage, Family, Friendship, and Community (Church, associates, towns, cities, and nations)). In **Genesis 2:18-25** we see where it all starts, as it was designed to start with the union of a man and woman which is the highest form of relationship instituted by God. This is a relationship of complete nakedness, which means nothing concealed where each person loses singleness unites with another person in totality.

Marriages must work in order for the other forms of relationships to be healthy and thrive. The key for all relationship is love, and note that the proper context of love is in marriage and the family. If marriage and family relationship fails, then all other relationships being formed will have faulty foundation and will be superficial to the core.

According to God's law, relationships must be built on **love** as set out clearly in the great commandment in **Matthew 22:37-40**. Anything outside this is bound to collapse because any other basis for relationship will have selfish cords which will be easily broken. We see families fail because marriages failed, and we see friendships fail because of selfishness and wrong motives, **James 4:1-3**.

God's Word and principles of love (relationship) **1Corinthians 13:4-7, Romans 15:2-6**

We can see how the word of God is set out to fulfil relationships, and just imagine if we are all able to leave as the word directs; what a beautiful world, communities, friendships, families, and marriages we would have. God is so wonderful that He made everything and said it was good. The imperfections and failures we have is a great departure from God's plan. So we need to practice the Word of God in order to see fulfilment in this most important aspect of life. Note that in these scriptures it is clear that

practising and living by this word and principles is not dependent on anyone or anything, it only depends on you. We fail because we focus on the actions or inactions of other people or person.

Study the word of God and practice it and seek perfection for these important relationships:

Marriage: Ephesians 5:22-29, **Hebrews 13:4**, **1 Peter 3:1-7**, Proverbs 12:4, Proverbs 14:1, **Malachi 2:16**, 1 Corinthians 11:3, (Don't forget marriage is a covenant which God honours)

Family: Genesis 18:19, **Colossians 3:19-21**, Joshua 24:15

Friends: Proverbs 18:24, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Proverbs 27:9 & 17, John 15:12-14, 1 Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs 16:28

Church: Hebrews 10:24-25, Romans 12:5, Ephesians 2:19-22, Hebrews 13:17

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