

Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

“Biblical Relationship Principles”

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Ephesians 5:21-33

Relationship Principles:

1. Mutual submission.
2. Mutual submission yet separate roles.
3. Relationship roles are clearly defined.
4. Relationships require meeting one another's needs even sacrificially.
5. Selfless love is beneficial to the recipient.
6. Selfless love is needed to bless others in relationships.
7. The marriage commitment surpasses even parental relationships.
8. A meaningful relationship is established as a priority.
9. Relationships require participants to bring what others need, not what they want to give.

Notes:

Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Covenant Excerpt

“...To seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world.

To be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment.

To avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love.

To remember each other in prayer.

To aid each other in sickness and distress.

To cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech.

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay....”

Characterize your relationships Circle 1 *Cut off *Connected *Committed

Why is mutual submission so important in relationships? _____

How do you personally handle mutual submission yet distinct roles in your relationships?

What impact do poorly defined roles have on your relationships? _____

Do you personally have any challenges with selflessness in your relationships? If so, why?

How have you prioritized your relationships above others? What did you do to prioritize it?

How meet the needs of others in your relationships above your own needs? _____

What have you gathered from this study to do concerning relationships? _____

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