

Relationships- Family #7

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Monday:

Elements of our Spiritual DNA – Our Product – What is our Focus:

The Kingdom of God	Relationship with the Father	Grace	Family/Relationships
Equipping the Saints	Signs and Wonders		The Poor

If you are in a situation where it might feel awkward, you might really be getting tested. There might be some negative things in the picture that you're having to deal with. If so, it's going around. That's not all the enemy. Some of that is the Lord.

If you happen to be at odds with someone, who is the kingdom person in this picture? That *should* be you. That's one of those situations you just take to the Father, "*Father, what do I do in this situation?*" Because you are going to find yourself in a lot of those kinds of situations.

Pay attention to what the Lord is doing. Listen to Him. Get desperate for His voice, and you move because you're the kingdom representative in that situation.

The key is for you to engage in a relational way with the Creator of the universe, Who wants to be your Father.

This is a church that's built on relationships. That's where the enemy wants to focus. His attack is to get between us, between you and your household, between you and your friends.

This move of God that's happening now needs you, and people like you, those who have some kind of a grasp on the kingdom.

Tuesday:

A review of the prophecy that came over this church and over all kingdom people about three weeks ago:

- Don't relax. It's not a time to relax. Evil never takes a day off.
- There's a space in time: a year, five years, ten years. I don't know what it is. But don't hang around trying to wonder and figure out when it is. We need to start moving in it now.
- Unparalleled favor. If it enters your mind, do it. If it really seems far fetched, it's probably the Lord.
- If you have it all figured out, it's probably not Him.
- If it looks like it's going to require a bunch of faith, that's kind of a guarantee.
- The Father needs people who move on the slightest little thing.

If you have somebody really, really hard to love in your circle of influence, well, that's the Lord right there. That's God. That's God helping you learn to love like He loves. That's how you're

to receive that problem person in your circle of influence.

In the New Testament we are encouraged to do what I call the One-Anothers. These are things that we do for and to one another.

Be kindly affectionate toward one another **Give preference to** one another **Admonish** one another

Be of the same mind toward one another **Receive** one another **Love** one another

Greet one another **Wait for** one another **Don't deprive** one another **Don't provoke** one another

Don't grumble toward one another **Care for** one another **Serve** one another **Bear with** one another
Submit to one another **Comfort** one another **Edify** one another **Exhort** one another

Be hospitable to one another **Consider** one another **Have compassion for** one another

Pray for one another **Send gifts to** one another **Forgive** one another **Spur on** one another

Be tender hearted toward one another **Live in harmony with** one another **Teach** one another

Confess your sins to one another **Don't judge** one another **Be kind** to one another.

Colossians 1:24 says, "***I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church***".

Even if you don't feel your very best, if you're willing and available, God will use you in every situation. That's what Paul found out. "*I will boast in my infirmities. I now rejoice in my sufferings*".

You learn things in your sufferings that you can't learn any other way.

Wednesday:

"*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly*". Are you? Are you in the Word of God? It's going to be the people who know what this Bible says concerning the times, the signs of the times, and what the body of Christ should do.

"Admonish" means (from the Webster), warn or reprimand someone firmly, advise or urge someone earnestly. Warn someone of something to be avoided. It's constructive correction or constructive criticism.

To admonish someone, or to receive admonishment from someone, is not for the faint hearted. It's going to take some level of maturity and relational equity to be able to operate in receiving admonishment from someone or admonishing someone.

God will admonish you if you're walking with Him and listening to Him. But we also are encouraged, and instructed, to do that with one another.

When you spend time with someone, talking, listening, conversing, doing whatever you do, there's relational equity built. We need to work on building relational equity. We need to take advantage of those things.

When you have enough relational equity, if a problem comes in that relationship, you won't scrap the relationship because of the problem.

First is your relationship with the Father. On the heels of that, the other relationships that we have in our life are extremely important. It's in relationships that the greatest joy of life comes. It's also where some of the greatest tests and frustrations can come as well.

It's so very important that you know people from the heart. If you don't know from the heart, you are going to misunderstand a lot of what they say and do. You can't know someone from the heart unless you're going to spend some valuable time with them. So, some level of maturity and relational equity paves the way for true biblical admonishment.

Thursday:

Admonishment always has to be rooted in love. If it's not done in love, damage can be done to the relationship.

Admonishment should very rarely, if ever, be done in public.

Put a high, high value on relationships.

God tests you by the reality that you need to confront someone in a loving way, or He can test you by someone confronting you in a loving way. For a lot of people, this is awkward and hard to do.

If you are lead to confront, it must be in a spirit of love, grace and humility. What you are helping them do, or they are helping you do, is getting past your issues, your mindsets, your habits, your behavior, your conversation, those kinds of things.

It's spirit-led correction. You need to be led by the Spirit. If the Lord reminds you of something or points out something to you, then that's the Holy Spirit. So, just keep tuned in there to what the Lord's saying to you about that.

There is the timing of the Lord. You can have everything else right, but miss the timing of the Lord by two days or one minute, and you could miss the blessings and favor. It can cause damage.

It's not hard to be sensitive to the Spirit, but it can be hard compared to what you've been doing... being sensitive to your own selves and your own emotions, needs and passions.

Friday:

God's doing a quick work of maturity in people. And if I were you, I would submit myself to that. The safest thing you can do is throw the doors open on your heart and say, "*Lord, have at it*". I've done that. I keep doing that. He's not messing around when you do that. He'll go to work on you right quick.

The awakening is now. It's not somewhere down the line, it's now, today.

Hebrews 12:7-11 says, *“If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of Spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it”*.

To admonish someone is not your opportunity to straighten them out. Unless your life is in perfect order, you don't have any reason or any push from the Lord to straighten anyone out.

There are a lot of immature people in the body of Christ, and we have to get over that. It's time to grow up. Let's act like spiritual adults, or at least try to. A lot of stuff that you are going through in your life has to do with that very thing.

When you start to admonish, you might not get it right the first time. If so, can you backtrack and get it right? We should pray for someone like that to be in our life who is stepping on out there, and then desire and invite their willingness to speak into our lives. If we can learn and be mature enough to walk in this, it's an extreme safeguard for us.

The Lord just reminded me this week. He said, *“I'm unpredictable. Look for Me to move in the strangest of places, through some of the most unlikely people”*. You have to be watching. He needs your willingness, your availability. But more than that, He needs your heart to be correct.

Saturday:

You know how you get your heart correct? Spend some time with Him.

Two things I know that, without exception, will get your heart into the right place. One is worship. When the worship team queues up, it's not a song service. You open your heart and love the Father, however you want to do that.

The other thing is just spend time with the Lord. There's nothing like you getting alone, and clearing the slate with no agenda. *“Lord, I just come to be with You”*. You know what happens in that? It calibrates your heart.

Expect to be inundated (flooded) with what appears to be impossible situations. But remember that all things are possible through Him.

Watch for Him. Pay attention to Him, even the little things in the middle of the day that you might think are mundane.

It's an invitation to an adventure like none other. The Lord is going to bring to you total recall, the things you need to know in this situation, biblical things, experiential things that you have experienced. He's going to help you, and it's going to be one of those “gotta be dependent on the Holy Spirit” things.

The Lord is giving you unparalleled favor. You've never walked in the favor of God like you're

able to walk in now. You have to walk by faith.

Lord, let us redeem the time. Let us treasure the value of Your presence, and be good stewards of Your presence.