

Being instant



“I **charge you** therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge **the living and the dead** at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be (**Instant**) ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” 2 Timothy 4:1-2, NKJV.



Closer Relationships Judges 18:27	Selfless Investment 2 Cor 8:10
Bolder Engagement Acts 14:3	Greater Participation Philip 2:1

CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS

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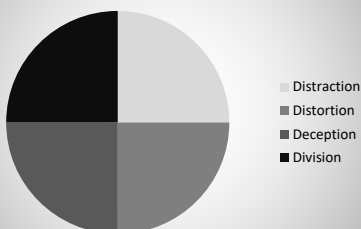
“They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay. 19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. 20 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me”. Psalm 18:18-20

JUDGES 18: 27-28 Then they took what Micah had made, and his priest, and went on to Laish, against a people at peace and secure. They attacked them with the sword and burned down their city. ²⁸ There was no one to rescue them because they lived a long way from Sidon and had no relationship with anyone else. The city was in a valley near Beth Rehob.

John 17:3; I Cor 8:3; Galatians 4:9

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Devils Strategy



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Gods Strategy



- Focus
- Clarity
- Truth
- Unity

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God builds three key ways:

- **Relationally** – 1 Cor 12:12 Body Jointed
- **Generationally** – Abraham – Isaac -Jacob
- **Revelation** –Matt 16:16 New Creation

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

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From a biblical view three types of relationships:

Our relationship with the everyday world
(work – community – club – team etc. nation, tribe)

Our relationship with our Human DNA
(family – relatives – and extended culture)

Our relationship with Christ's body
(God, Church local, and universal, and Kingdom.)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

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How can we Build CLOSER RELATIONSHIPS?

- o Accept right up front, no relationship is perfect. - I'M not -You're Not - Were Not
- o Be PRESENT – listen to hear, not listen to respond.
- o Clarify your personal expectations – What is realistic and unrealistic
- o Enter each relationship as a server, not a taker
- o Ensure your Foundations are Strong and Godly built F.R.E.D.L.R.
- o Engage in Wholesome Biblical Relationships that BUILD us, not pull us down.
- o Appreciate /relate according to the level of spiritual maturity (**false expectations**)
1Cor 2:14
- o BE Fitted into the body of Christ that ENCOURAGES US and brings us to MATURITY
- o Committed to investing into one another thus extending the Kingdom
- o Being an outlet for the gospel of Jesus Christ
- o In Conversations Apply the F.O.R.D technique **Family- Occupation –Recreation – Dreams**
- o Time and adversity Prov 17:17 **A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.**
- o Don't expect a reward, thanks, or "like kind" if it comes then great!
- o Above all else, SERVE others before yourself

