

RELATIONAL STAGES

OPPOSITE SEX RELATIONSHIPS AMONG CHRISTIANS

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BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

There Is A Much Safer Way Of Building Relationships Between Opposite Sex Singles In The Churches.

After Much Consideration Of Past Experiences Among Christian Singles, I Show You A Better Way.

There Are 2 Primary Requirements In Relating Single Man To Single Woman, And Single Woman To Single Man.

These Two Are: **Respect & Pure Love.**

These Two Qualities Should Have Been Taught And Applied In The Family Where Each 'Single' Grew Up.

Unfortunately, With Our Dysfunctional Family Upbringing, Men And Women Are At A Loss When It Comes Time To Relate Properly To The Opposite Sex.

Relational Efforts Are So Often One Step Forward, Then 2 Steps Backward.

Are You A **Christian** Brother That Treats Your **Christian** Sisters **With All Purity**? Are You A **Christian** Sister Who Treats Your **Christian** Brothers **With All Respect**?

Every Human Being Is Comprised Of 1. **SPIRIT**. 2. **SOUL** & 3. **BODY**.

This Should Be Our **Relational** Pattern As Well. **Spirit/Soul/Body**.

"Do Not Rebuke An Older Man, But Exhort Him As A Father, **Younger Men As Brothers**, Older Women As Mothers, **Younger Women As Sisters**. **With All Purity**."

1 Timothy 5:1 - 2. NKJV.

The Lack Of Respect In Christian Women For Men Has Risen Up Before Older Men As Well.

When I Hear Women Rebuke A Man That's Older Than They Are, I Can Understand Why They Are Near 50 Years Old & Never Married.

Because Younger Men Notice Her **Disrespect Against Men**, And Stay Away From Her.

REBUKE NOT = "Don't Chastise An Older Man **With Your Words**. Move Suddenly Against, Reproach Severely, Scold Vehemently, Castigate, Upbraid, Tongue Lash."

BUT ENTREAT = "To Call Near, Invite, Invoke, Implore. **To Treat With Respect**."

Does Our Personality Tend To Chastise Others, Or Draw Them Near To Us? Are We Repelling Or Attracting?

1. **SPIRIT**. As Christians This First Stage Of Relating As Brother & Sister, **SPIRITUALLY**, Is Foundational. Here, Single Men Are Taught To "Treat The Younger Women As Sisters, **With All Purity**." And Here, The Single Women Are Taught To "Treat The Younger Men As Brothers."

As The **Christian** Brother Treats His **Christian** Sister "**With All Purity**", And The **Christian** Sister Treats Her **Christian** Brother **With All Respect**; They Lay A SOLID FOUNDATION That Can Be Built Upon.

We Are Speaking Of Brother And Sister IN A **SPIRITUAL SENSE**.

If This Foundation Is Locked In Place, Unmovable, Then A Single Brother And Sister Have An Option To Proceed To The 2nd Stage Of Relationship.

2. **SOUL** (Mind, Will And Emotion). This Stage Is For Friendship. 'I Like You And You Like Me.'

This Dating Stage Has The Option Of Progress Toward Being Boy-

friend And Girlfriend If Both Are Willing And They Can Stay On The Foundation, Firmly.

During This "**SOUL**" Stage You Are Finding Out More About Each Other. You Are Becoming Aware Of Personality Differences, Social Differences And Personal Preferences. You Begin To Think Of What You Two Would Be Like, Together. At This Stage You May Want To Spend More Time Together, Or Seek More Time Apart, For Individual Pursuits Alone.

Say You've Been Dating 6 Months To A Year And You Are Wanting To Be Together More Often. **You Wish Time Stood Still**, And You Never Had To Leave The Date And Be Alone Till The Next Date.

The Next Step May Need To Be "**Counsel**" Concerning Your Compatibility. There Are Many Good Counseling Systems To Determine Individually The Deeper Personal Issues. I Recommend This Before Going Ahead With **THE ENGAGEMENT**.

By Now, You Have Selected The ONE You Want To Receive As Your Husband /Wife.

3. **BODY**. **THE WEDDING AND MARRIAGE** OF THE TWO INTO ONE.

THE COMPLETE JOINING OF SPIRIT/SOUL/BODY. THE HONEYMOON!

NOW! THE FAMILY... BEARING AND RAISING CHILDREN TOGETHER IS A REASONABLE OPTION.

Single Women Seek To Be **Spiritual**. They Are Quick To Say "**I Love GOD!**" Still, When You See The Way They **Treat Their Spiritual Brothers**, You Remember This "**If Anyone Says, 'I Love GOD' And Hates Their Brother, They Are Lying: For If We Don't Love A Brother We See, How Can We Love GOD Whom We Have Not Seen?**"

"**And GOD Himself Has Said That One Must LOVE Not Only GOD But LOVE— (Agapao= Much. To Love In A Social And Moral Sense)— BROTHER TOO.** 1st John 4:20—21.

With All Respect & In All Purity ...

We Are Born-Again Out Of The Same 'Womb' Of The **HOLY SPIRIT**, Which Makes Us Brother & Sister **Spiritually**.