

GOOD AS GOLD!

In Relationships

“...keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” – Ephesians 4:3

Matthew, Chapter 18:

1. MAKE A RELATIONSHIP _____.

a. Who am I _____ my relationships?

Vss. 1-5 ¹ At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”... ³ And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest...”

HUMBLE, INNOCENT IN AMBITION, OPEN-HEARTED

Ephesians 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Romans 12:18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

b. Who am I _____ my relationships?

Vss. 6-9 ⁶ “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble...⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! “STUMBLING BLOCKS?”

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2. _____ in _____ with my _____.

Vss. 10-14 ¹⁰ “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?

GET THE WANDERING “IN THE FOLD”... BE IN THE FOLD!

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Matthew 5:23-24 ²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Hebrews 10:24-25 ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Proverbs 27:5-6 ⁵ Better is open rebuke than hidden love. ⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

3. _____ my fellowship!

Vss. 15-20 ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Ephesians 4:3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.

4. _____ even my “_____”!

Vss. 21-35 (PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT... FORGIVE AS YOU HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN)
HOW YOU WILL BE TREATED “UNLESS YOU FORGIVE YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER FROM YOUR HEART.”

Colossians 3:13-14 ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.