

## Summer Lovin' – Part 7 Deepening Our Relationships

Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. **And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.**’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

*Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)*

*In your relationships with one another, have the the same mindset as Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*

Use **wisdom** and **understanding** to establish your home; let **good sense** fill the rooms with priceless treasures. Wisdom brings strength, and knowledge gives power. Battles are won by **listening to advice** and **making a lot of plans**.

*Proverbs 24:3-6 (CEV)*

### 5 Essential Ingredients for a Successful Home:

#### 1. Use **wisdom**.

*All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do common sense and understanding.*

*Proverbs 2:6 (CEV)*

*With wisdom you will learn what is right and honest and fair.* **Proverbs 2:9 (CEV)**

#### 2. Use **understanding**.

*Wise choices will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.*

*Proverbs 2:11 (NLT)*

#### 3. Allow for **good sense**.

*From these, an ordinary person can learn to be smart, and young people can gain knowledge and good sense.*

*Proverbs 1:4 (CEV)*

#### 4. Listen to **advice**.

*Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future.*

*Proverbs 19:20 (ESV)*

#### 5. Make **great plans**.

*Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.*

*Proverbs 16:3 (NLT)*

### A Great Principle to Consider Before Marriage:

- Be the **right** person.

*And the servant ran to meet her and said, “Please let me drink a little water from your pitcher.” So she said, “Drink, my lord.” **Then she quickly** let her pitcher down to her hand, and gave him a drink. And when she had finished giving him a drink, she said, “**I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking.**” Then she quickly emptied her pitcher into the trough, **ran back to the well** to draw water, and drew for all his camels. And the man, wondering at her, remained silent so as to know whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not.*

*Genesis 24:17-21 (NKJV)*

### How Do You Know You Are The Right Person?

- **Relational Maturity** – Am I **relationally equipped** for this marriage?

*Now **Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban**, and Laban ran out to the man by the well. **So it came to pass, when he saw the nose ring, and the bracelets on his sister’s wrists**, and when he heard the words of his sister Rebekah, saying, “Thus the man spoke to me,” that he went to the man. And there he stood by the camels at the well. And he said, “Come in, O blessed of the Lord! Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and a place for the camels.”*

*Genesis 24:29-31 (NKJV)*

*And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these who are the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”* **Genesis 27:46 (NKJV)**

### The Background Checklist:

- **Childhood happiness.**
- **Parent happiness.**
- **The relationship between the child and the parent.**
- **Home discipline.**
- **The family history of alcohol, physical and substance abuse.**
- **Positive attitude.**
- **A sense of security.**

*With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgment. Always let him lead you, and he will clear the road for you to follow. **Don’t ever think that you are wise enough**, but respect the Lord and stay away from evil.*

*Proverbs 3:5-7 (CEV)*