

*Family Matters*  
**Relationship Goals**  
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I. Intro

II. Relationship Goals that Honor God

A. To be Christ-centered

1. Genesis 2:21-24 (NIV) <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." <sup>24</sup>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.
2. Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) <sup>24</sup>"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

B. To be mission-driven

1. Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV) <sup>27</sup>So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."
  - a. We must be united in our mission.
  - b. Unity doesn't mean we are the same. Unity means we are together.

C. To be devil-kicking

1. Genesis 3:1-6 (The Fall)
2. Ephesians 6:11-12 (NLT) <sup>11</sup>Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
3. What God has brought together, the devil wants to tear apart.
4. Song of Songs 2:15 (NLT) *Catch all the foxes, those little foxes, before they ruin the vineyard of love, for the grapevines are blossoming!*
5. Proverbs 4:14-15 (NIV) <sup>14</sup>Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. <sup>15</sup>Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way.

D. To be covenant-keeping

1. Matthew 19:3-6 (NIV) <sup>3</sup>Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" <sup>4</sup>"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' <sup>5</sup>and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?" <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
2. Contract or Covenant?
  - a. A contract is based on mutual distrust.
  - b. A covenant is based on mutual agreement.