



Relationships can be touchy things. They aren't always easy. Satan is taking advantage of the sometimes difficult nature of relationships. This is clearly seen when you look at recent statistics about the home.

- According to PEW research. Fewer than half (\_\_\_\_%) of U.S. kids younger than 18 years of age are living in a home with two married heterosexual parents in their first marriage. This is a marked change from 1960, when \_\_\_\_% of children fit this description.
- According to the American Psychological Association, \_\_\_\_% of marriages end in divorce.

Relationships are a priority to God.

**Because God \_\_\_\_\_ you in His image, you must make relationships a \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.**

What are two things that will last forever?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Before the world even existed, God was a relational Being. The end of John 17:24 says, "you loved me before the foundation of the world."

Tonight, we are going to answer a simple question. How should I prioritize my relationships?

**Your relationship with God should be \_\_\_\_\_ in your life. (Ecc. 12:13)**

*Ecc. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.*

- **God made a \_\_\_\_\_ with you a priority. (John 3:16; 1 Cor 6:20)**  
God strongly desires and \_\_\_\_\_ to be the first priority in our lives.
- **God made \_\_\_\_\_ in your relationship with Him a priority. (Micah 6:8)**

When God is in His rightful place in your life, every other relationship will take on a new perspective. I am not #1; God is! When God is not in His rightful place in your life, everything becomes confusing, overwhelming, and frustrating.

**Your relationships with \_\_\_\_\_ should be priority #2 in your life.**

As a believer, It is not ok for you to be a "\_\_\_\_\_."  
2 Cor 5:14-15 teaches that the love of Christ compels us not to live unto ourselves.

- **Living for God \_\_\_\_\_ that you live for others. (Col. 3:18-23)**  
*Col. 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;*
- **God demands that you \_\_\_\_\_ others with brotherly love.**  
*Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*

What are some practical ways that we can prefer one another? \_\_\_\_\_

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In conclusion, I would like to remind you of Jesus response when asked about the greatest commandment. Priority #1 is to love the Lord thy God with all they heart and with all they soul, and with all thy mind. Priority #2 is like to it - thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. God is relational. **Because God designed you in His image, you must make relationships a priority in your life.** You are not meant to be an island unto yourself.