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Part 5

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Monday

Man needs companionship, community and fellowship. Relationships are the only thing we take out of here. We must value relationships over resources; a man is only truly destitute if he has no relationships. Relationships affect direction and quality of life. Virtually all blessings come through relationships. (Genesis 2:18, Jeremiah 9:23-24)

- What state are your relationships currently in?

Tuesday

We must maintain peace as a priority. Peace on earth begins with peace at home. Remember that peace is the manifest presence of God, while strife is the manifest presence of the devil. We also must reduce drama. Drama escalates and manipulates emotions, erodes patience and affects volume.

(James 3:16, Proverbs 15:1-2, Romans 2:9-18)

- What connection is there between peace and drama?

Wednesday

Relationships require maintenance— both time and energy. Make it a priority to eat together, play, hug, and say good morning/good night. Maintain good communication; it adds value. Be a blessing and give encouragement. Love is the license to speak truth. (Ephesians 4:15, 1 Timothy 5:8, Proverbs 18:21)

- What maintenance do your relationships need?

Thursday

Have boundaries, they protect you from being taken advantage of or abused. You can say “no” firmly and with kindness. Live the New Testament—love, serve, forgive, pray for, rejoice with, weep with, and be patient with one another. How we treat one another is a huge deal to the Lord. (Psalm 1:1; Proverbs 1:10)

- How can boundaries help you live the New Testament?

Friday

Find your place in the family of God; it is a place of love, acceptance and growth. Don't just seek happiness; seek growth which in turn creates happiness. Growing people have happy relationships. In a new reality, healthy and happy relationships are vital. (John 1:12, Ephesians 3:14-15, Psalm 68:6)

- What can you do today to seek growth?

Memorization: Jeremiah 9:23-24 NLT

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man gloat in his wisdom, or the mighty man in his might, or the rich man in his riches. Let them boast in this alone: that they truly know me and understand that I am the LORD who is just and righteous, whose love is unfailing, and that I delight in these things. I, the LORD, have spoken!"

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