

How to Restore Broken Relationships

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Scriptures:

- Proverbs 17:17, *NIV*
- Proverbs 17:17, *NLT*
- Proverbs 17:17, *MSG*
- Philippians 2:2-4, *NIV*
- Romans 12:9, 10, *NLT*
- 1 Peter 4:8, *AMPC*
- Ephesians 4:29, *NIV*
- Colossians 4:5, 6, *NLT*
- Jude 1:24, 25
- Matthew 18:20
- 1 Peter 2:17, *NLT*

Summary:

The Bible gives us specific directions on how to be the kind of forgiving friend that consistently displays unconditional love toward others. It also tells us how to repair and reconcile a relationship in conflict. This type of restoration comes by respecting others, putting their interests first, and choosing to overlook their offenses against us. Depending on God allows Him to supernaturally put our severed relationships back together.

Notes:

1. Godly friendships are characterized by loyalty, reliability, and faithfulness. They benefit both parties. Friends are friends no matter what happens.
2. Godly love for others is the foundation for the kind of relationships we need to foster. Unconditional love continues even when conflicts show up in a relationship.
3. Criticism is a major problem that hinders relationships; positive encouragement is always better than negative criticism. There are many reasons why people criticize, but all of them are destructive. Being critical of others keeps people from getting close; it also distracts us and causes us to avoid how we really feel.
4. Believers are set apart from the world when they demonstrate respect for others. Having the Holy Spirit in us is no excuse to treat others poorly. He guides us into the right way of behaving toward other believers, as well as toward the world.

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