

The Intentional Life (Part 4)
*“6 Essential, Intentional relationships
Every Believer must Have”*
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Introduction: We are created to be relational people – God designed us that way. And not one of us should underestimate the value of our relationships, because our relationships are vital parts of our lives.

If we are going to take our living up to the highest level; we have to intentionally invest in right relationships!

In today’s message on “The Intentional Life” I want to share with you: *“6 Essential, intentional relationships every believer must have”* The first essential, intentional right relationship we must have is...

1. A right relationship with God –
(1 Jn 5:2; Lk. 10:20)

2. A right relationship with yourself –

- **God sees you as accepted (Acts 15:8)**

- **God sees you as loved (Jn.3:16)**

- **God sees you and me as valuable (1 Cor. 12:1-12)**

3. A right relationship with friends-

There are varying degrees of friendships –

1. **Acquaintances** – I believe every acquaintance (occasion contact) is a divine appointment and has a purpose. (But not every acquaintance should become a close friend).

2. **Casual friends** – These are people with whom we have common interests, activities and concerns; but this doesn’t mean they should become close friends.

3. **Close friends** – are people with whom we share mutual life goals. We work at helping each other achieve these goals.
We grow together with these friends. (Everybody needs some close friends – but they won’t be many)

4. **Intimate friends** –

- a. God’s word gives us ample warnings about trying to have too many friends – Prov 18:24

 - b. And plenty of warning about who to stay away from
(Prov 22:24; 2 Cor 6:14; 1 Cor 15:33)
- 4. A right relationship with family –**
(This is why Paul gives these instructs in Col 3:17-20; Eph. 5:21-6:9)
- 5. A right relationship with your church –**
- a. **Jesus said you must be spiritually born-again into God's family (John 3:3).**

 - b. **It is through the church that you are to be fed (I P 2:2; Jer. 3:15)**

 - c. **It is through the church that you are to be equipped for ministry (Eph. 4:11-13)**

 - d. **It is through the church that you are to give your treasures and your offerings (I Cor 16:2; Acts 20:35; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).**

 - e. **God sees our relationship to His church so important** His word calls us “one body” (Rom. 12) and instructs us not forsake (or neglect) the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:25)
- 6. A right relationship with the world – (Heb 12:14)**

Conclusion: How are you doing with your relationships – are there one or some of these you need to work on?

Why commit to the Lord to be intentional about working on these 6 essential relationships in your life.