

DAY 17 | Awaken to God Ordained Relationships

Wednesday, January 22th

Relationships are vital to our spiritual growth and journey. They shape who we are and where we are headed. God often blesses us through divine connections, aligning us with people who propel us into our purpose. Conversely, the enemy can use relationships to derail us from God's plan. Today, we focus on discerning the relationships in our lives—praying for divine wisdom to nurture God-ordained connections and the courage to let go of those that hinder our walk with Him.

Relationships- the way in which two or more concepts, objects, or people are connected, or the state of being connected.

We know that when GOD wants to bless us he brings a person into our life and when the enemy wants to distract us, he brings a person into our life. Today we are focusing on being open to GOD ordained relationships and praying that any one who is not adding to our lives be subtracted out In Jesus Name.

Lord, lead, guide and reveal to me any relationships in my life that is not beneficial to my growth in you. Give me the wisdom to remove relationships in my life that are hindering my relationship with you and the wisdom to protect the divine relationships that you have in my life. Lord allow me to be open to receive any new divine relationships that you bring into my life. Lord, open my eyes to see any relationships that are distracting me from coming into all that you have for me. I call forth divine connections for me and my family In Jesus Name!

1. Why are relationships so important in our spiritual walk?

Relationships can either propel us toward God's purpose or pull us away from it. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reminds us that two are better than one because they strengthen and support each other in life's challenges.

2. How can we identify God-ordained relationships?

God-ordained relationships bear fruit and align with His Word. Ephesians 5:10-13 emphasizes finding what is acceptable to the Lord and avoiding unfruitful works of darkness. These relationships encourage righteousness, wisdom, and spiritual growth.

3. What should we do about relationships that hinder our spiritual growth?

We should seek God's wisdom in removing or redefining such relationships. 2 Corinthians 6:14 instructs us not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers, as their influence can lead us away from God's light.

4. How can we protect and nurture divine relationships?

By walking in love, humility, and encouragement. 1 Peter 4:8 urges us to love one another earnestly, while 1 Thessalonians 5:11 encourages us to build each other up.

Point of Reflection:

Take time today to reflect on the relationships in your life. Ask God to reveal their impact on your spiritual walk.

1. Are there relationships in my life that pull me away from God's purpose?
2. How can I nurture and protect the relationships that align with God's plan for me?
3. Am I open to receiving new relationships that God may be bringing into my life?

Key Scriptures: [Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12](#), [2 Corinthians 6:14](#), [Ephesians 5:10-13](#), [Proverbs 13:20](#), [1 Peter 4:8](#), [1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm *alone*? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Ephesians 5:10-13 finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise *men* will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Suggested Scriptures: **1 Thessalonians 5:11, Ephesians 4:29,**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Proverbs 27:17: “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

God-ordained relationships refine us, strengthen us, and help us grow into the people God created us to be.

Matthew 18:20: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Divine relationships often bring unity and the presence of God into our lives, encouraging us to walk together in faith and purpose.

Why do we fast?

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that helps us focus on God, break spiritual strongholds, and receive clarity, strength, and renewal.

Isaiah 58:6 “Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke?

The power of prayer

Prayer connects us with God to bring about transformation and align our will with His.

James 5:16 The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.