

Key Elements of Great Relationships

You Must Do Your Part to Have a Great Relationship

1 John 2:12-17

Every Christian fulfills several roles in relationships.

The first role that John addresses is that of being subordinate: knowing one's place in the family.

1 John 2:12; 1 John 2:1; 1 John 2:13; John 13:33

All true Christians are children of God.
John 1:12-13

As children of God, He is our father.
Romans 8:15-16; Galatians 4:6-7

The second role is that of "fathers".

These are mature Christians who have stood the test of time in their relationship with God.
1 John 2:13, 14

"From the beginning" means both:

1. God is the one who is from the beginning.
2. The fathers have known God since the beginning of their rebirth in Christ.
2 Corinthians 5:17

Fathers are known for the wisdom which comes from a long life.
Proverbs 1:8-9

The last role is that of "young men".

Young men have something that the other two groups lack – strength.
1 John 2:13-14

Young men (and women) have both the strength and the knowledge to fight the enemies of God.

Great relationships are built upon a _____.
You will either love the _____ or love the _____.

1 John 2:15

You will love what comes from the _____ or what comes from _____.

1 John 2:16

How do I _____ if it's from the world?

1 John 2:16

You will _____ God's _____ in order to get what you want.

Genesis 3:1-5 – Satan's three lies to man.

Genesis 3:6

The _____ shapes great relationships.

1 John 2:17; John 4:13-14

Key clarifying questions:

What is the _____ in having a relationship with God?

What are the _____ Christian roles?

Which role am I _____?

What do I need to do in order to _____ in my _____ for God?

How does my relationship with _____ affect my relationship with _____?
