

CHRISTIAN GROWTH COURSE - Godly Relationships

1. Who wants to divide people and make enemies? Ephesians 4:26, 27.
2. Who wants to unite people and make peace? John 13:34, 35.
3. When Christians have quarrels and broken relationships, the world cannot do what? Philippians 2:14-16; John 17:20, 21.
4. What were Jesus' disciples arguing about? Matthew 18:1; Luke 22:24.
5. If we are always concerned about who is the greatest, rightest, best, smartest, richest, most loved, has most authority, should be treated best, etc., will we be more likely or less likely to run into conflict with others?
6. According to Jesus, what must we do to "self" if we are to follow him? Matthew 16:24, 25.
7. What did Paul say has happened to the "self" of a Christian? Romans 6:6.
8. Did Jesus, our example, insist on his rights, or did he voluntarily lay them down because he loved others? Philippians 2:5-8.
9. Should my main aim be to please myself, or to be redemptive toward others as Jesus was? Romans 15:1-3.
10. If we "bear crosses" and "lose" our lives (or rights) to make it better for others, what will we "find"? Matthew 16:25.
11. What is the guideline for all our relationships? Ephesians 5:21.
12. Is this the way the world thinks? (Are Christians different?)
13. How bad is it for a person to be the cause of offense or sin in another person's life? Matthew 18:6, 7.
14. If I have done wrong to another person and have not cleared up the matter

or made it right, what does Jesus say about my worship to God? Matthew 5:23, 24.

15. If a wronged person will not forgive, can he or she receive the grace and forgiveness of God? Matthew 6:14, 15.
16. When a person is filled with resentment and bitterness, how do you think it affects the emotional climate of his family or his church?
17. If our fights and divisions disgust outsiders so that they fail to believe in Christ, who will be partly accountable for the loss of their souls on the Day of Judgment?
18. When we look for the causes of trouble between ourselves and another person, where does Jesus tell us to start? Matthew 7:1-5.
19. Are you reacting too strongly to ordinary faults within the other person? In an imperfect world, people are not going to stop doing things that offend us. Much of the solution has to be in controlling our reaction to the wrongs. How does love react? 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.
20. We should be willing to give up things that cause sin and conflict even if we love them as much as our _____ or _____ or _____ . Matthew 18:8, 9.
21. A Christian should even be willing to be _____ rather than to prolong an ugly conflict with another person. 1 Corinthians 6:7; Matthew 5:39-41.
22. If something I enjoy causes spiritual problems for another person, what should I be willing to do? Romans 14:13, 15, 19, 21.
23. What are the three steps Jesus gives for dealing with a person who has done wrong to you? Matthew 18:15-17.
24. When one person has wronged another, does Jesus say which of them should be the first to go to the other? Matthew 18:15; 5:23, 24 what, then, is important?

25. With what attitude or spirit should you approach a wrongdoer in order to help him? Galatians 6:1.
26. Considering the damage that a lasting conflict does, how quickly should we try to resolve our conflict with another person? Matthew 5:25; Ephesians 4:26.
27. Whose job is it to pay back people who do wrong? Romans 12:19, 20.
28. Why does our own salvation depend on forgiving others? Matthew 6:14, 15.
29. Who gains an opportunity when we keep anger and resentment in our hearts? Ephesians 4:26, 27.
30. Who is our example in forgiving others? Luke 23:33, 34.
31. Do you think forgiveness is a feeling or a decision? (Can a feeling be commanded?)
32. When people mistreat us, instead of paying back evil for evil, we Christians are to overcome evil with . Romans 12:20, 21.
33. Does love ever require us to confront a person who does wrong? Luke 17:3; Matthew 18:15 Why is such confrontation an act of love?
34. In what ways does confronting out of love differ from confronting out of self-centered anger? Galatians 6:1, 2; 2 Timothy 2:24, 25; 1:7; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7