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YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND YOUR DESTINY

" Hmmm, it feels like love... but is it? What type of question is this? I imagine your line of thought, but wait a minute. Let us go back to the basics. A few years ago, young man, you thought girls were silly, talkative, cry-babies you enjoyed playing harmless tricks upon. And my girl, you thought boys were dirty, noisy pests that were only keen on computer games. So what happened? The girls somehow have become interesting attractions; your centre of attention. They tickle your imagination and you are convinced it is a matter of life and death to be in their good books. If you think I intend to diss the boys and spare the girls well you are wrong. So my fair lady how come those dirty boys have now undergone a metamorphosis: no longer vermins, they have become your knights in shining armour "

Your guess is spoton; we are talking about RELATIONSHIPS. So what is the meaning of this word making all the buzz in your world?

Let's check our **dictionaries**:

1. A relationship is the way in which two or more people or things are connected or the state of being connected.
2. A relationship is the way in which two or more people or groups regard and behave towards each other.
3. A relationship is an emotional and sexual association between two people.
4. A relationship is a romantic or sexual involvement between two people.

From the above, it is clear that relationships extend beyond the excitement and fantasy that most teenagers associate it with. You already have relationships with many people and groups.

If you are born again you are in a relationship with Jesus Christ. You have relationships with your parents, your siblings, extended family, classmates, church group, friends in your neighbourhood and more.

5. Every relationship must have a purpose and is governed by laws. If you break the laws, you will not derive the maximum benefit from that relationship and you might suffer a great deal as a result. For example, your continuing relationship with Jesus rests on the platform of your continuous trusting and obeying Him.

For you to enjoy the best your parents have to offer, you must continue to honour and obey them too.

The day you break the law of showing proper respect to your parents is the day you post your invitation to trouble.

Your relationship with your friends and classmates will also thrive and be fulfilling if you remain a kind, considerate and dependable person. When you make fun of others or exhibit any trait of superiority you will discover most of them would want to steer clear of you. Imagine if you let members of your drama group down by not showing up on the day of an important performance, without a reasonable excuse.

Your action will hurt the group and affect your relationship in an unpleasant way. What about your relationship with your teachers; if you are attentive in class, hardworking and the type that submits homework, projects and assignments on time, you will reap the reward in their willingness to go the extra mile in helping you.

7. Did I hear you grumble? Enough of the preamble let us get to the real thing. The type of relationship that is uppermost on your mind is the relationship with a member of the opposite sex. Okay, let's bring it on!

8. A change did happen in your life at puberty: your body changed physically, hormones raced through your veins, your mood was on a roller coaster- there were high days and low days, your peer group became more significant to you and you wanted to be accepted amongst them. You also developed interests in new things, and for some of you, friends of the opposite sex started paying you more attention or you found yourself being attracted to them.

So, **what do we make of all these?** How do you relate with your mates in a way that will not harm or jeopardise your future? How do you ensure that your relationships with friends of both sexes do not become minuses and things you are ashamed of in future?

9. The proper place to begin is to ask yourself questions, for the right questions will lead you to the right answers. Before I suggest the critical questions you need to answer for yourself, let us consider the following:

10. **Ecc 3: 1.** To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven. **(KJV)**