

## B. GIVE **ATTENTION**

*“When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.”* Philippians 2:3-4 (NCV)

## C. CAPTURE **MEMORIES**

*“Be very careful never to forget what you have seen God doing for you. May His miracles have a deep and permanent effect upon your lives! Tell your children and your grandchildren about the glorious miracles He did.”* Deuteronomy 4:9 (LB)

## D. VERBALLY **INSPIRE** AND ENCOURAGE

*“So give encouragement to each other, and keep strengthening one another ...”* 1 Thessalonians 5:11

*“A good man’s speech reveals the rich treasures within him. An evil-hearted man is filled with venom, and his speech reveals it.”* Matthew 12:35 (LB)

## E. **LOVE** WITHOUT CONDITION

*“... Love each other. You must love each other as I (Jesus) have loved you. All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other.”* John 13:34-35 (NCV)

## F. **YIELD** TO GOD

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength. Always remember these commands I give you today. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and walk along the road. Talk about them when you lie down and when you get up ...”* Deuteronomy 6:5-7

*“You must choose for yourselves today. You must decide whom you will serve. You may serve the gods that your people worshipped ... or you may serve the gods of the Amorites ... As for me and my family we will serve the Lord.”* Joshua 24:15

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## **GUARD YOUR PRIMARY RELATIONSHIPS** **“Strategy For Living”** **Genesis 1:27-28**

*“So God created people in His own image; God patterned them after Himself; male and female He created them. God blessed them and told them, ‘Multiply and fill the earth ...’”* Genesis 1:27-28 (NLT)

### I) **HONORING MY PARENTS**

*“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land ...”* Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

How I relate to my parents will affect every other **relationship**.

#### A. HOW TO HONOR YOUR PARENTS

##### 1. AS A CHILD, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY **OBEYING** AND **RESPECTING** THEM.

*“Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.”* Ephesians 6:1 (NLT)

*“Children who mistreat their father or chase away their mother are a public disgrace and an embarrassment.”* Proverbs 19:26 (NLT)

##### B. AS A YOUNG PERSON, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY **ACCEPTING** AND **APPRECIATING** THEM.

*“Listen to your father, who gave you your life, and do not despise your mother ...”* Proverbs 23:22 (NIV)

*“If you curse your parents, your life will end like a lamp that goes out in the dark.”* Proverbs 20:20 (GN)

*“... When your mother is old, show her your appreciation.”* Proverbs 23:22 (GN)

C. AS AN ADULT, I HONOR MY PARENTS BY **AFFIRMING** AND NOT **ADANDONING** THEM.

*“But those who won’t care for their own relatives, especially those living in the same household, have denied what we believe. Such people are worse than unbelievers.” 1 Timothy 5:8 (NLT)*

*“These should ... put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.” 1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV)*

II) **GUARD AND PROTECT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR SPOUSE**

*“Homes are built on the foundation of wisdom and understanding.” Proverbs 24:3 (TEV)*

*“So guard yourself; always remain loyal to your wife.” Malachi 2:16 (NIV)*

A. KEEP ON PAYING **ATTENTION**

*“Marriage involves you in all the nuts and bolts of domestic life and in wanting to please your spouse, leading to so many more demands on your attention. ...” 1 Corinthians 7:33-34 (MSG)*

B. KEEP ON MAKING **ADJUSTMENTS**

*“Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action.” 1 John 3:18 (TEV)*

*“Look out for one another’s interests, not just your own.” Philippians 2:4 (TEV)*

*“Honor Christ by submitting to each other.” Ephesians 5:21 (LB)*

*“May God, ... help you live in complete harmony with each other—each with the attitude of Christ Jesus toward the other.” Romans 15:5 (NLT)*

C. KEEP ON SHOWING **AFFECTION**

*“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:10 (NLT)*

*“The husband should not deprive his wife of sexual intimacy, which is her right as a married woman, nor should the wife deprive her husband. ... So do not deprive each other of sexual relations. ...” 1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (NLT)*

*“... Isaac was sporting with Rebecca his wife.” Genesis 26:8*

D. KEEP ON GIVING **AFFIRMATION**

*“... Encourage each other every day while it is ‘today! ...’” Hebrews 3:13 (NCV)*

*“... A word of encouragement does wonders!” Proverbs 12:25 (LB)*

E. KEEP ON FOLLOWING **JESUS**

*“You have accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord. Now keep on following Him.” Colossians 2:6 (CEV)*

*“Keep your roots deep in Him, build your lives on Him, and become stronger in your faith.” Colossians 2:7 (TEV).*

III) **NUTURE YOUR CHILDREN**

A. MAKE **FUN**

*“A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” John 10:10*

*“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)*