

Bible Study Lesson #5- Relating to People

Because of your new relationship with God, you will have a whole new relationship with people. Being a Christian is not something that you do once a week, or when no one is watching, but it affects your total life. The Lord is very concerned about your involvement with people. Let's look in the Scriptures to see how God views us.

1. Read **1 Peter 2:9-11**. List some names that the Lord now calls us. (Verse 9)

Have we always been His people? (Verse 10)

How are we described in this present world? (Verse 11)

What are we to proclaim? (Verse 9)

We see, then, that there are two aspects to our dealings with people. First, there are the other members of God's family that we interact with. We will call this aspect Fellowship. Second, there are the unbelievers to whom we proclaim God's message. We will call this aspect Witnessing.

FELLOWSHIP

The word fellowship means sharing something with another person in a deep way. We share in the life of God.

2. Beside having fellowship with one another, who else do we have fellowship with? (read **1 John 1:3**)

3. In the Bible, this fellowship that believers have with each other and with God is described in various ways. In **1 Corinthians 12:12-27**, this relationship is called a body. Read this passage, and answer the following questions.

Whose body is it, [Who is in charge]? (Verses 12,27)

Are all the members the same? (Verses 14,17)

Who puts us in our place in the body? (Verse 18)

Are you needed in the body? (Verses 21-26)

Do you need the other members of the body? (Verses 21,26)

4. What are some activities that the early believers shared in **Acts 2:42**?

5. Name some actions that should accompany the Word. (read **Colossians 3:16**)

6. What should we not neglect? (read **Hebrews 10:25**)

7. How can we show that we are Christ's disciples? (read **John 13:35**)

8. **First John 3:18** says we should not just talk love. How should we love?

9. Who should we especially do good to? (read **Galatians 6:10**)

WITNESSING

The truth is on trial today, and God wants us to take the stand and give our testimony on behalf of Jesus. We should back this up with our lives. Then we will win people over to Christ.

10. What should we be always ready to do? (read **1 Peter 3:15**)

11. What will Jesus do if we follow Him? (read **Matthew 4:19**)

12. What good example did Andrew give that we should follow? (read **John 1:40-42**)

13. Read **Matthew 5:16**. What will result from being a proper witness?

14. How will Christ respond if we deny Him? (read **Mark 8:38**)

15. **James 5:20** states a goal that we should keep in mind as we are a witness. Put it in your own words.