

Building Strong Relationships

Living Radically Different – **Genuine Christians LONG FOR strong church RELATIONSHIPS**

1 Peter 2:1-3

Introduction

#1 Strip off all ACTIONS of your past life that ruin relationships 1

1-Therefore

2-Verses 4-8 describe living stones

3-Every verb is in the plural

4-These are the things that destroy our love for each other

ALL MALICE

*1 Corinthians 14:20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in **evil** [malice] be infants, but in your thinking be mature.*

ALL GUILE

*John 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no **deceit**!" [guile]*

HYPOCRISIES

*Matthew 23:28 "So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of **hypocrisy** and lawlessness.*

ENVIES

Philippians 1:15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will;

ALL SLANDER

2 Corinthians 12:20 For I am afraid that perhaps when I come I may find you to be not what I wish and may be found by you to be not what you wish; that perhaps there will be strife, jealousy, angry tempers, disputes, slanders, gossip, arrogance, disturbances;

Matthew 5:23 "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

#2 Start desiring your new SPIRITUAL actions that build relationships 2

ESV	<i>Like newborn infants, long for the pure <u>spiritual</u> milk</i>
NIV	<i>Like newborn babies, crave pure <u>spiritual</u> milk</i>
NASB	<i>like newborn babies, long for the pure milk <u>of the word</u></i>
NEW KING JAMES	<i>as newborn babes, desire the pure milk <u>of the word</u></i>

1-The root for Logikon

Romans 12:1 I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

2-The etymology of Logikon

3-The immediate context

4-The context is plural

SPIRITUAL FATALISM

A COMMAND TO DESIRE

- 1 Remember what God has done for you
- 2 Turn to Christ with the faith of a child,
- 3 Rehearse the kindness of Christ
- 4 Surround yourself with the passionate

#3 Rehearse the KINDNESS of Christ; as the ultimate relationship 3

1st Accept the fact you will HURT one another

2nd Either COVER your hurt or confront it

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

3rd Go PRIVATELY and humbly to make things right

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Matthew 18:15 If your brother sins [against you], go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

4th Refusing to go is a bad HEART indicator