

WHAT DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS AND WHAT BUILDS THEM

Life's Healing Choices
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"Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other."
Romans 12:5 (GW)

1. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS

"What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have." James 4:1-2 (NIV)

"Selfishness only causes trouble." Proverbs 28:25 (GNT)

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"Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own." Philippians 2:4 (GNT)

"The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life." Galatians 6:8 (MSG)

"Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness." Galatians 5:16 (MSG)

2. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS

"Pride leads to arguments." Proverbs 13:10 (TLB)

"Pride leads to destruction; a proud attitude brings ruin." Proverbs 16:18 (NCV)

"First pride, then the crash—the bigger the ego, the harder the fall."
Proverbs 16:18 (MSG)

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"Live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble." 1 Peter 3:8 (GW)

"Be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves."
Philippians 2:3 (NCV)

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to." Philippians 2:5-6 (NLT)

3. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS

"The fear of human opinion disables." Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

Adam: *"I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."* Genesis 3:10 (NIV)

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"Perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it . . . shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love." 1 John 4:18 (NLT)

"All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them . . . We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love . . . And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid."
1 John 4:15-17 (NLT)

4. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS

"To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do." Job 5:2 (GNT)

"When my heart was embittered And I was pierced within, Then I was stupid and ignorant." Psalm 73:21-22 (NASB)

"Look after each other . . . Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives."
Hebrews 12:15 (TLB)

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"Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."
Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

"Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient . . . But . . . then [God our Savior] saved us—not because we were good enough to be saved but because of his kindness . . . by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit . . . and all because of what Jesus Christ our Savior did so that he could declare us good in God's eyes." Titus 3:3-7 (TLB)

"The LORD says: Forget what happened in the past, and do not dwell on events from long ago. I am going to do something new. . . . I will make rivers on dry land."
Isaiah 43:17-19 (GW)

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