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**RELATIONSHIPS** 





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**Types of Relationships**

**1. CASUAL**

**Friends, neighbors, etc.**

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## 2. CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Work, Mortgage, Business,  
School, etc.



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## 3. COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS

God, Marriage, Children



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**Casual – From time to time**

**Contractual – For a set period of time**

**Covenant – For your entire life**



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**What shape are your relationships in?**



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## 1. **GENERATIVE**

Mutual Purpose

Mutual Respect

Growing

Creative

Deals well with Conflict



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## 2. **HABITUAL**

Repetitive

No Purpose

Neither knows why things are done

Draining

Avoids Conflict



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## 3. TOXIC

Me First

Competitive

Low Morale

No Appreciation

No Growth

Destructive Conflict

Self Absorbed / Selfish



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## John 13:34-35

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*



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# 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

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**LOVE:**

**IS PATIENT**

**Opposite of Vengeance/Retaliation**

**Passive Goodwill**



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**LOVE:**

**IS KIND**

**Active Goodwill**

**Useful, Serving, Gracious**



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**LOVE:**

**DOES NOT ENVY (Jealous)**

**“I want what someone else has”**

**“I wish they didn’t have what they have”**



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**LOVE:**

**DOES NOT BOAST (Brag)**

**Boasting or Bragging puts ourselves first**



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**LOVE:**

**IS NOT ARROGANT**

**Not Proud, Not Conceited**

**Arrogance is big-headed**

**Love is big-hearted**



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**LOVE:**

**IS NOT RUDE**

**Not Unbecoming Behavior**



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**LOVE:**

**DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY**

**Not Selfish but Selfless**



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**LOVE:**

**IS NOT IRRITABLE**

**Does not become ANGRY**



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**LOVE:**

**IS NOT RESENTFUL**

**Does not take into account a wrong  
suffered**

**Love is not a bookkeeper of rights  
and wrongs**



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**LOVE:**

**IS NOT RESENTFUL**

Is not angry at the actions of others



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**LOVE:**

**DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING**

Does not try to make the wrong look right

**GOSSIP**



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**LOVE:**

**REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH**

*This is love, that we walk according to His Commandments.*

**2 John 6**



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**LOVE:**

**BEARS ALL THINGS**

**Burden Bearing**



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**LOVE:**

**BELIEVES ALL THINGS**

**Not suspicious, or cynical**

**Development of Trust**

**Healing and Restoration**



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**LOVE:**

**HOPES ALL THINGS**

**As long as there is life, there is  
hope – for a spouse, a child, a  
friend, a family member**



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**LOVE:**

**ENDURES ALL THINGS**

Love holds fast. "But the greatest of these is love"



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**LOVE:**

**NEVER FAILS**

It outlasts our failures

Failures are never final



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**LOVE:**

**NEVER FAILS**

It is never too late to experience  
the love of God and to share the  
love of God and your love with  
someone else



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**PURSUE LOVE**

*“Make love your Aim”*

**1 Corinthians 14:1**



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