

Relationships in Right Order

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- Relationships in right order is another way of referring to righteousness. This is not self-righteousness, but rather righteousness that seeks relationships with others in our lives that are ordered in a way that is pleasing to God.
- In order for our relationships to be pleasing to God, we are called to place the needs of others ahead of our own. This is in no way to indicate that we are to be people who have no voice or who let others walk all over us. It is to indicate that we are to be people who are concerned about justice, or the notion that we care about the needs of others.
- "The fruit of righteousness is peace; quietness and trust forever," Isa. 32:17.
- Order brings security and security brings trust.
- This is in no way to say that we are to be rigid people who seek severe, inflexible, unyielding order and have no place for spontaneity in our lives.
- We are called to be people who have developed an ear for listening to God and God's voice in our lives. We are called to respond to what we hear in faith and to act upon what we hear.
- We are called to a trusting relationship with God. When we trust that God wants the very best for us, we are also trusting in God's orderliness to act in us and through us and for us. We are called to place our complete trust in God.
- As we place our trust in God, we will naturally want and seek relationships in right order. These will be the only relationships that make sense to us. It will be the only way to live our lives - nothing else will be appealing to us. We will hunger for right relationship and we will know when we are not living in right relationship with God, ourselves, and others and it will not feel right until we reclaim right relationship.
- The fruit of relationships in right order is peace. Shalom.