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Recapitulation:

07-May **My Relationship With the, that are Within – Pt. 1**

Relationships Within deal with the Issue of Acceptance in and by the Church.

What is it to Accept me? (1) **R**eceive my **P**erson – who I am

 (2) **R**espect my **P**ersuasion - what I am

 (3) **R**ecognise my **P**otential – what I can be

**A. Non-acceptance is a Possibility Accepted in the World.**

1. Christ’s **P**erson was not accepted by His own **C**ommunity. Jn. 1:11
2. Ct. A **P**rophet is accepted except in his own **C**ountry.

10 Things You Won’t Find in a Church That Attracts Millennials

1) There is a strong resistance to change.

2) A compelling vision is lacking or non-existent.

3) Mediocrity is the expectation.

4) There is a paternalistic approach to leading Millennials.

5) There is a pervasive insider-focused mentality.

6) Transparency and authenticity are not high values.

7) Mentoring is not important.

8) Culture is viewed as the enemy.

9) Community is not valued.

10) The church is a source of division and not unity.

**I Tim. 4:12-16**

**B. Non-Acceptance is not a Principle Acceptable With the Lord.**

1. The **Weak** in Faith have the Right to **L**ive *as unto the Lord*. Rom. 14:1-10
2. The **Strong** in Faith have the Right to **L**ove *as unto the Lord*. Rom. 14:15
3. All will have to account for their Rights before the **L**iving Lord. Rom. 14:10-12

**C. Acceptance is to be Practised in the Church as unto the Lord.**

1. Accept the Diversity in the Unity – I Cor. 12:4-6
2. Accept the **I**ndividuality in the **I**nter-dependability. 12:15-21
3. Beware of what you **Say** (i.e. Self-depreciation) I Cor. 12:15-21
4. Beware of what you **Think**. I Cor. 12:22-29

i. That the **U**nhealthy (*feeble*) is not unnecessary. 12:22

ii. That the **U**ncomely is not without beauty. 12:23

iii. That the **U**nsightly is not without ability. 12:24

1. Beware of how you **Act**. I Cor. 12:25-27
2. Because of One, it affects **A**nother. 12:25
3. Because of One, it affects **A**ll. 12:26
4. Then **A**ll should be for One, just as One should be for **A**ll. 12:27

**I. My Relationship with Them That Are Within** – **Pt. 2**

 **A.** **RESPECT** the “**S**tatus” in a Verti**cal** Relationship

1. My **A**ddress of **O**thers - *Ye call me Master and Lord:* *and ye say well; for so I am*. Jn. 13:13

 My **R**everence for, with **R**eference to, Divine Persons.

1. God the Father – *My Father* and *My God*. Jn. 20:17
2. God the Son – *My Lord/ Lord Jesus Christ/ Jesus Christ/ Christ Jesus/ Christ*
3. The **D**ivine Lord taught it. Jn. 13:13
4. The **D**isciples used it. Jn. 11:12; 20:18; 20:20; 20:25, 28; 21:12, etc.
5. King **D**avid anticipated it. Matt. 22:43-45
6. Ct. The **D**emons used Jesus! Mt. 8:29; Acts 19:15
7. God the Spirit – Not addressed directly. Rom. 8:26f cf. Jn. 16:13-15

**2**. The Lord in **A**ddressing His **O**wn.

[Note the Prerogative of the Lord in addressing His Own:]

1. He calls them His *mother*, *brothers* and *sisters*.

Mt. 12:50; Mk. 3:35 ct. Jas. 1:1 cf. Jude 1:1

1. He calls them *brethren*.

Heb. 2:11, 12 ct. Jn. 13:13, 14; Lk. 6:46

1. He calls them *friends*, and *not servants*.

Jn. 15:14, 15; ct. Rom. 1:1; II Pet. 1:1

*Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.*  Jn. 13:13

**B. ACCEPT** the “**S**tate” in an Horizon**tal** Relationship.

* 1. My **A**cceptance of **O**thers…. Jn. 13:13
1. In the **C**ommunity - there is an Older and a Younger.
2. In the **C**orporation - there is an Employer and an Employee.
3. In the **C**entre - there is a Leader and a Follower.
4. In the **C**ircle of Family members - there are Parents and Children; Brothers and sisters, etc.
5. In the **C**hurch - there are Elders and Members.
6. My **A**ctions towards **O**thers – Eph. 5, 6; Col. 3
7. A **S**incere **S**mile of **S**alutation and **S**hake of hands to initiate.

*Greet*; *Salute* in Rom. 16 (15x) cf. v.16

1. A **S**ublimation of **S**ervice as unto our **S**overeign Lord to motivate. Eph. 6:6, 7; Col. 3:22-24

*Even as Christ* (5:23, 25); *Even as the Lord* (5:29); *as to the Lord* (6:7; Col. 3:23);

*unto Christ* (5:24; 6:5) *in the Lord* (6:1; Col. 3:18); *of the Lord* (6:4; 6:8; Col. 3:24);

*unto the Lord* (Col. 3:20)

1. A **S**pecial **S**tance for those in Specific **S**pheres to be considerate…
2. **R**ebuke not an Eld**er** – treat him as a *father*; treat her as a *mother*. I Tim. 5:1, 2
3. **R**egard the Young**er** – treat them as *brothers* and *sisters*. I Tim. 5:1, 2
4. **R**espect the **W**eak**er** and the **W**idows – *honour them*. I Tim. 5:3; I Pet. 3:7
5. **R**ejoice under the **P**ersecutor because of Christ – *for My sake*. Mt. 5:11; 12
	* + *Heap coals of fire on his head.* Rom. 12:19-21 from Pro. 25:21, 22
* Love your Enemy. Rom. 12:20; Mt. 5:43-48
* Resist not Evil. Rom. 12:21; Mt. 5:38-42
1. My **A**ttitude toward **O**thers – Actions are connected with Attitudes…
2. Spiritual Relationships. There is no Difference.
3. There is no Sexual Difference - *neither male nor female.* Gal. 3:28
4. There is no Social Distinction - *bond nor free.*  Gal. 3:28; I Cor. 12:13
5. There is no Racial Discrimination - *neither Greek nor Jew* Gal. 3:28; I Cor. 12:13
6. Domestic Relationships. Col. 3:18-21

Husband and Husband to love. *As Christ loves*

and wife Wife to submit. *As unto the Lord*

Parents and Parents to nurture Eph.

 in the admonition *Of* the Lord 6:4

 not to provoke;

Children obey and honour *In the Lord* 6:1-3

1. Social Relationships Col. 3:22-4:1

 Masters Stop threatening. The Master 6:9

 Is watching

 and servants be obedient *As unto Christ.* 6:6-8

 *Not serving men,*

 *but serving the Lord.*

1. Church Relationships Head of Man is I Cor. 11:3;

i. Man Man to Love and Lead. Christ; Head of  14:34- 35;

 and Woman Woman to be Silent the Woman is Man;

 and Submit Head of Christ I Tim. 2:11-15

 is God.

ii. Older and Older to be as As in the Family I Tim. 5:1, 2

 father and mother;

 Younger To be as brother

 and sister

iii. Elders (Leaders) Esteem them *For their work’s* I Thes. 5:12, 13

 highly in love. *sake.* Heb. 13:17

 and Members Obey and submit *As they must*

 to them *give account*

 iv. Brothers Esteem other **B**etter – This is the mind Phil. 2:2, 3, 5

 and Sisters **B**e **L**ike-minded and of Christ

 (See below) **L**ove-minded

1. **R**ecognise each other’s **I**ndividual **D**iversities of God-given Gifts. I Cor. 12:4-7
*let each esteem other better than themselves.* Phil. 2:3
2. Work out Alternatives for Negat**ives**. I Cor. 12:14-18
3. Work on the Posit**ives**. I Cor. 12:21-24
4. **R**espect each other’s **I**ntrinsic **D**istinctives –
5. Positively - Accept the Person for Who He/She is.
6. Negatively - Alter not his/her **P**ersonality to suit one’s own.

**Con**.: A **R**ight **R**elationship with Others **R**ests on a **R**ight **R**elationship with the Lord. Matt. 5:23-26

1. **RESPECT** the “**S**tatus” of a Vertic**al** Relationship
2. **ACCEPT** the “**S**tate” of a Horizont**al** Relationship.
3. **Let God** **ACT** in an “out-**S**ider” **R**elationship.

*But God judges outsiders.* 1 Cor. 5:13 (HCSB)

Continuation:

**II. My Relationship With Them that are Without**.

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