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LADIES,  
the awakening of love for someone is something very special! The bond you will form with the person you will be 'love-bound' to for life is meant to be more wonderful and stronger than a parent-child bond is. However, when at first you become aware of someone you like and whom you hope will prove to be the RIGHT ONE, there is a tendency to be blinded to anything else and not see beyond the emotion that preoccupies you.

The connections therefore one makes with the opposite sex in youth have to be nurtured in the proper way so as to result not in painful regret, but rather in a joyful satisfaction of a good and lasting relationship.

Usually a relationship progresses from friendship to courtship. Friendship or call it 'going steady' if you like is there to protect you from committing yourself too soon. As your friendship develops you learn to like and respect that person. Friendship is not where love feelings are expressed. Courtship or engagement when you get to know and understand each other, is wherein love feelings are voiced (not before). "I love you" are powerful words, and is the same as a vow, which is binding (cannot be broken) - a commitment for marriage.

Now let us look more closely how friendships are formed and what

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## Calling All Guys!



Hey guys, Josiah here. I'm getting together a group of guys to go hiking with me to the **Grand Canyon** this coming February. My father and I just did the Grand Canyon this previous February and I can honestly say that hiking it is the ultimate experience of nature's grandeur! So, if you're the outdoorsy type that loves nature or you just love having adventures with friends, hop on now, while the roster is wide open - I can't promise that it will stay that way!

Okay, specifics:

Specifics aren't in yet, but we're shooting for just after the Arizona Youth Banquet, making it a combo event for everyone. For registration, more information, or to be signed up for more information as everything comes together, contact me by the following means:

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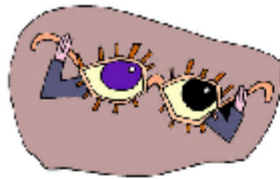
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## Current Events - Watch Israel



You may recall that this series is discussing current events, or prophecies that have been fulfilled in our lifetime. These are things that allow us to witness first hand the accuracy and faithfulness of His Word. In our last discussion, we were talking about signs in the heavens. Are there other signs?

Well, Jesus told us of what Brother Branham called "the last sign" in Matthew 24:32-34.

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree. When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when

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### Q #1

**R**ecently I have been hurt deeply after the ending of a relationship. After hurting so deep, I feel as if I will never love again. Can you offer me any words of comfort or wisdom?

Sis. Rebekah:

Let the Lord be your source of love and healing. Spend time with Him in prayer and in the Word. He will be your source of comfort. Also do not keep your feeling and emotions inside. Find an aged man or aged woman who can help you decipher through your thoughts and feelings. Do not allow the root of bitterness to overtake your heart. Keep love and forgiveness inside. A lot of times after a deep hurt, we turn inward and stay to ourselves. That is the time we need encouragement from Godly parents, friends, and family. I remember when I was young and felt my heart was broke and it would never mend. Guess what? It did mend and I have no regrets. I am glad God jerked me out of some relationships so I could enjoy who He had for me. Be assured, if you're patient and seek God's will, you will not be able to imagine the love you will feel for the one God has for you!

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## Main Article: Relationships

From The Archives: Paul LaFontaine



It has been said that the quality of life is based on the quality of our relationships. This is true not only in relationships with others, but most importantly our relationship with God. When we really think about it, the purpose of the whole bible and even the message of this day can be simplified to one thing-to bring us into personal relationship with Christ. That means all the doctrine, strict correction, examples, and even parts of it you will resist is meant to bring us closer to Him. The last statement in Bro. Branham's book "Church Ages" tells us his ultimate desire. ".....and if I can accomplish just one thing I will be satisfied. That one thing is to see established a true spiritual relationship between God and men, wherein men become new creations in Christ, filled with His Spirit and live according to His Word.

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## Questions & Answers!

**Both Sides of the Story!**



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hot spots to look out for. Usually a friendship develops when a connection is made by voice to voice contact between two people.

A boy and a girl naturally become more intimate as they spend time together and talk, sharing ideas, thoughts and feelings.

Consider, when touching of hands to the body, arms around the shoulder, holding hands, face to face contact and gazing into one another's eyes, even kissing occur. These definitely are much more than just casual friendly contacts but are personal and intimate.



What is important for any girl to realize is that she is entrusted with a sacred virtue that needs to be protected at all times. Now you may think this implies only to the physical purity of a girl, but a breach of purity can result from an emotional barrier that has been broken already. What I mean by this is, that if you expose yourself emotionally to a man, it is much easier to succumb to him physically. Of course you do not want to invite intimacy by progressing to personal contacts such as touching and kissing. And as yet you do not want to form an emotional attachment that binds you to him.

Therefore, your inner-

most feelings and dreams should not be shared with a boy in an early stage of your relationship. Let's face it girls, we are emotional beings and can be swayed by words, looks, and gestures, and are often carried away by these.

Now, earnestly consider whether you are ready to handle a serious relationship with a young man. Here the advice from levelheaded parents or a trusted sister can be invaluable. You have to constantly hold one thought in your mind: **If this does not go any further than friendship, both of you can withdraw with dignity and hold a good testimony of each other.** There is a risk too of getting hurt, even if you are "just friends." Obviously if you lose a friend there will be some hurt feelings, and I doubt that you'll be buddy-buddy again, maybe then "just good acquaintances." What is vitally important is that you can walk away without reproach and no serious harm has been done.

Before you start a relationship: First have Christ in your heart so that you can enjoy His help and control and for the relationship to materialize in the right way. Ps 37:4

A lot depends on the relationship you have with your parents. Their permission is needed for you to start a friendship and to proceed further. Are you open enough with them? Discuss the interest of a



certain boy with your parents or tell them (not jokingly) about your feelings for someone. Respect their advice and godly rules even if you don't "see" their views just yet. Parents do not merely want to manage your life or even monitor it. They desire your happiness and are there to protect and guide you in your choices and decisions. Your father also has the right to cancel any wrong or impulsive decision you may make (Numbers 30).

Wait and pray. This is very, very important and cannot be overemphasized. You cannot pray too much especially over this area of your life.

When a boy wants to start a friendship, suggest that he contact your father to get his permission to call. He should feel free to come to your home, which provides a mutual place and other opportunities to see if you can get on with each other. Allowing a boy liberties by him habitually speaking to you privately or on the phone, will draw you into an early attachment or something secretive.

Other familiar grounds you should stay clear of are, receiving of letters and gifts, wearing rings, necklaces and bracelets given to you by him. By these gestures you may translate his intentions as more serious than intended or he may even feel he has claims on you. Preferably these gifts should only be given during engagement when you have pledged yourselves to each other.

Many older girls become overanxious when they see the younger paired off and marrying. Girls, when you feel you can handle things and start permitting a boy greater access to yourselves, you become so much more vulnerable.

Take care that you do not allow yourself to become "unequally yoked together" with an unbelieving boy, since you do not share the same interests, moral principles and expectations. It may also bring you into conflict with everything that you hold dear. (II Cor. 6:14, Amos 3:3) Attempting to win him to the Lord is risky as you cannot guarantee yourself to remain detached and you will inevitably do much more compromising in the friendship than him. Another male Christian should further witness to him. It is also advantageous that you befriend a boy who is not a spiritual babe, but someone who is a faithful Christian and respectfully obedient to his parents as well. It is not worthwhile to be hasty. Rather wait and pray for him to mature. God may have other plans for you.

Whilst it is normal to speak about boys with other girls, shun those who constantly match you up with boys. When you so much as admire a boy, do keep it a secret or confide in your parents. Today Christian girls have to contend with talks of sex by their peers, shown



pornographic pictures on cell phones or are ridiculed for their "missing out on things." (Prov 1:10) However, a true friend will not advise you to go against your parents or to do something foolish.

Then, there are many teenagers that engage in face to face flirting and giggling, winking at one another and even "playfully" touching one another. This is thoughtlessly taking advantage of one another. We should watch our actions while we are young and unmarried. To flirt means to trifle or play at being in love, creating a false impression. There is no substitute for the highest and best conduct.

Remember too that often boys are trying to impress and to be the 'nice fellow' to everyone. He may hold you to a steady friendship, while he feels it is permissible for him to remain very friendly with other girls. Do not beg him to do better, or press him for explanations or even hold onto him. Rather withdraw from the friendship and see what happens. Identify whether there are warning signals in your relationship. Do you find disrespectful behavior such as not sticking to your parents' rules; are you and not he, making all the calls or are there long periods between his contacting you again? You may have to seek elsewhere for a more truthful and honorable friend. And try not to be the girl sought-after by all the boys. Girls who flirt are considered common in the eyes of men.

At all times have a clear

understanding of what your behavior around a boy should be. The way you dress, sit and move is important so that there is nothing in your mannerisms that will expose both of you to improper thoughts.



Obviously it is prudent to steer clear of being alone with a boy. Dating which is going out by yourselves offers no protection since in the moments alone you will become too aware of each other and it will put needless pressure on the friendship. It is best to widen your circle of friends and to relate to a boy in a group so that your friendship takes a healthy course. There are definite consequences for breaking God's Will. Therefore the idea of saving one self for marriage is a trust you do not want to violate. 2 Tim 2:22

Remember it is not only bad young people that fall into transgression. Well-meaning couples no matter how spiritual they are will experience temptation when together alone and often fail to realize how important it is to stay within the boundaries of these wise limits.

Finally, Ladies, in our age of much freedom among young people and undisciplined living, I pray that God will protect and keep you pure amidst your brave battles against numerous challenges.

Your Sister,  
Sis. Ernestine Beckett

Brother Vince:

I hate to use this old, worn out cliché, but there is a lot of truth to it. "Time heals wounds". We could fill up this site with people telling of relationships gone bad, and then they look back and see that it was the hand of God. It is in these times you need to saturate yourself with the Word, let Christ fill the void. Above all, make sure no bitterness creeps in. Bitterness will wreck you emotionally as well as physicaly.

**Q #2** I feel that the world has distorted and even dirtied my view of what a relationship with the opposite sex is supposed to be. Do you have any godly wisdom you could share with me on how to "cleanse the mind" and take on the mind of Christ in view of godly relations?

Sister Rebekah:

"Cleanse the mind" by allowing God to transform you mind. (Romans 12:2) Also the scripture says "Let this mind that was in Christ" We all had distorted views until God Shows us his way, which is within the Word. Read what the scripture says and the prophets share about the virtue and purity that can be showed between two that God has joined together. There will always be scars form your past that can't be erased but God can give you a clean and pure view of his purpose and will.

Brother Vince:

**WINTER YOUTH RETREAT ALERT!**

It's that time of the year again, when all the hard core campers come out to Michigan to brave the cold in hotel rooms with resteraunt style eating (real chefs included) and indoor gym courts! If you feel you are in this elite bracket of hardcore youth campers, go to <http://www.literallife.org/youth/wyr/> You can also call (734) 845-1312  
**Deadline For Registration: Nov. 30th**



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Watch Israel

## Current Events - Watch Israel

... ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Brother Branham told us that we should watch Israel. He called her God's timepiece:

(EVENING MESSENGER, 63-0116)

"And we see Israel, the first time for several hundreds of years, almost over two thousand years is now become a nation; her own army, her own money. Israel is in the homeland; her own nation, own flag, belonging to the United Nations. She is a nation. Why, it's one of the greatest signs that we could think of right now: Israel in her homeland. And Jesus said, "This generation that sees Israel go back to her homeland shall not pass until all has been fulfilled."

The Old Testament also spoke of a sign:

"And He will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. (Isaiah 5:26)

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"Don't worry, the fig tree's putting forth its buds; that's the

We can not receive our cues from Hollywood, or the world for how to treat each other in a relationship. In a world where men are starting to act like women and women like men, it is apparent Satan's scheme is to distort one's view of the opposite sex. With much emphasis on the physical stature of the man and woman, this is what lures people together in today's society. Check out some of the "older" couples in your church. Notice the respect for each other. The conversation between the two is as best friends, and they are. To cleanse the mind is only a task that Jesus Christ can do. Remember, you can not keep thoughts from entering your mind, but you have to determine to not allow them to stay. Pray to the Lord for a clean heart and mind.



**Q #3**

Provided that one is old enough, what is the appropriate way to signal interest in a member of the opposite sex and go about building a relationship?

Sister Rebekah:



I will answer from a girls point of view. For me I established Godly friendships with guys and girls alike and spent alot of time in group settings. Occasionally, one may spark some interest and I would pray for Gods will. I would say "Lord, so and so seems like a nice young man, if it would be your will, draw us together." As a girl I knew it was choosing of a bride and not choosing of a groom so that took a lot of worry

out of it for me. I could accept the invitation or reject it. Trust me, if a young man becomes interested in you, he will let you know. Bro. Paul was very bold to let me know his intentions. He said, "I am interested in you and would like to spend more time with you" I responded " I'd like that" He said "I know!" and the rest is history. Remember to include your parents and pastor in your thoughts and ask their advice.

Brother Vince:

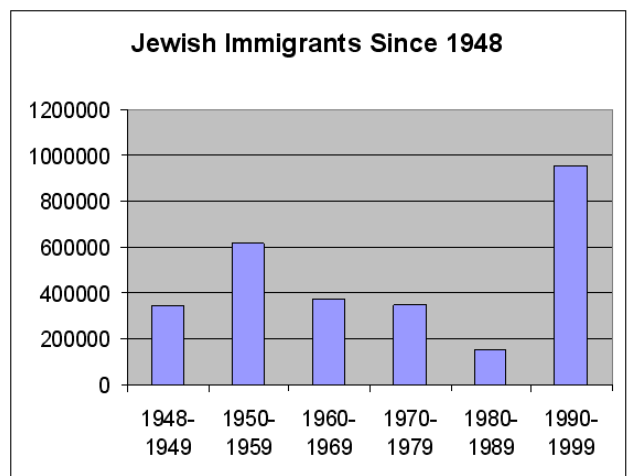
Firstly, the father of the girl should be notified that you have an interest in her. The father can then talk to the daughter and if there is an interest he can grant permission for things to proceed. By getting the father involved, you are taking unneeded pressure off the girl in the case she is not interested. Don't send another guy or girl that just complicates matters and usually extra words will get added to the story! Bottom line...father involved at ground zero.

1948. These figures represent the number of new Jews that immigrated to Israel during each decade. Notice the marked increase in the last decade. What's going on? Here's an interesting quote from the official Israeli government website dated January, 2002: "Israel is a country of immigrants. Since its inception in 1948, Israel's population has grown seven-fold." Coincidence, you say?

last sign. The ensign, the oldest flag in the world, flies over Jerusalem... She was blinded for a little season, but she's coming together again. God promised it. The end of the Gentiles will be then. They're looking for a Messiah. ...There's the last sign... She's a full nation. What are we waiting for? The closing of the Gentiles.

These things seem fairly straight forward - even elementary regarding God's timeline. But a closer look reveals more interesting facts. The Scriptural prophesy tells us when the fig tree "putteth forth leaves" we should know the time is nigh. But how long is it before the leaves and the fruit mature?

Remember the number seven? Brother Branham told us this number represents completion. The following diagram represents the population growth of the nation of Israel since the world declared them a nation in



Consider this. The al Aqsa Muslim mosque currently stands on the site of the ancient Temple of Jerusalem. It has been the

subject of bitter strife since it was constructed in AD 691. Curiously, it has been destroyed by earthquake seven times.

And consider one more just as food for thought. The current Israeli Prime Minister (right) is named Ariel Sharon. He has been one of the most steadfast defenders of the preservation of the Biblical borders of Israel. He is a decorated war hero and a former Israeli Army General who won a brilliant victory over the Egyptians during the Six-Day War of 1967. Upon their victory, the Israeli's quickly drove to the top of the Temple Mount and hoisted the Star of David for the first time in over 2500 years.



Ariel Sharon is blamed by the Palestinians for starting the current "intifada" or holy war when he personally visited the Temple Mount on September 28, 2000. It is curious to me that Jesus Christ was also known as the "Rose of Sharon". The last time he visited the Temple Mount there was a lot of trouble too. Also curious is the fact that from the day the Israeli Army hoisted the Star of David over the Temple Mount to Sharon's visit was 33.5 years, the same length of time as Jesus' ministry on earth.

Brother Brahnham taught is that the natural types the spiritual - always. How close are we? More on that "generation passing away" next time.

## MAIN ARTICLE: RELATIONSHIPS CONTINUED FROM PG. 2

God has created us a relational being. He said in the beginning, "its not good for man to be alone." As we become closer to God, it cant help but affect our interaction with others around us.

I wrote the following words in a 1995 issue of Youth Quake News. They explore the different relationships we deal with in our life. I pray they will be used again to further your walk with the Lord and friendships with others:

### CONFLICTS



As we become older, sometimes we will encounter conflicts with people. Conflicts and fighting are not pleasant things and they hurt deeply. The most vulnerable place for the Devil to bring conflict is between parents and teenagers. Perhaps some of you reading this get along great with everyone else, but with Mom and Dad it's World War III. We should never think it's normal for this to happen and just accept it. I believe we should seek God

and pray to live higher than what the world calls "normal." We should desire the very best in our relationships and experience as little conflict as possible.



Did you know Jesus was young once? Did you now that he was a teenager at one time, just like yourself? This is what the scripture says of Him in **Luke 2:52:**

**"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."**

Jesus Christ is the ultimate example. Here he has set a goal for us young people to reach: "Favor with God and man." The following paragraphs deal with all the different relationships we have as young people. I pray that you'll take these things to heart.

## Don't Forget!

We are having a fundraiser drive from now till the end of the year. If you want to see YQNEWS grow and prosper into the new year, please help out. Thanks!



## PARENTS

Family Conflicts can be the most severe sometimes. Maybe everybody knows each other too well or, more specifically, the Devil knows us too well. He can bring such tension between family members, cause fights and hurtful words, and leave roots of resentment and bitterness in someone for years. The scripture says Satan has come to "steal, kill, and destroy." Let us never forget the real culprit for destroying families is Satan himself. He hates unity. He hates sweet fellowship. He hates oneness.



Speaking of oneness, this is what Brother Branham said in Oneness with God:

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Any man and his family, a correct, good, noble, obedient family is one with another: any family. And if there's something in the family that moves them apart, then it's not right; the family's broken somewhere. They should all be one: father with mother, mother with father, children with parent, parent with children, all in agreement. And when you see that, you'll see one lovely picture. That's God's purpose.

Notice, our prophet said that when something moves the family apart, it's not right. One time Rebekah, as a teenager, became angry and slammed the door at Brother and Sister

Branham because they did not want her spending time with one particular girl. Brother Branham said, "That was the Devil." This may be hard to swallow for some of you, but that's what he said. It's not just a problem. Reactions like slamming the door show you are yielding to Satan and not to the Lord. It's an evidence of rebellion, as the Prophet said. The Devil causes reactions like that.

Who are these two people that we call our parents anyway? Why did God set things up that we would be raised and instructed by a mother and a father for the first part of our lives? They are not just another male and female on earth. They have been given to you by God, as you have been given to them by God. Sometimes we wish we could have had different parents or been born in a different family, but God foreordained a plan for your life. These two people call your "parents" are one of the greatest parts of that plan. They will reveal the mystery of fatherhood and motherhood to you. As you become older, you'll meet the real Father. You'll come under his headship and leadership. Until then, God set it up that your parents would lead you. If you look at things like this, you'll no doubt change your attitude toward your parents. It should bring a reverence in your heart for them. Remember, God has given them to you. I like to think of it this way: God has set up a kind of practice session for living under headship. You are in that practice session now. Before having a Heavenly Father to guide you someday,

He gave you parents to prepare for that relationship coming. How comfortable you become with your parents headship and leadership is how comfortable you'll be with God's. They are very much tied together.

The Bible gives us only one main instruction about our relationship with our parents: OBEY THEM!



(Proverbs 1:7-9; Ephesians 6:1-3; Colossians 3:20). Even if it doesn't look like it sometimes, they do love you. They were young people once. Give them a break. Let them know you love them. Many young people try to get their way by rebelling. Why don't you try God's way? Dare to be different.

Another key I'd like to add to improve your relationship with your parents is this: The Bible says for fathers not to provoke their children to anger. That means that a father, if he wants, can push all the wrong buttons and bring out the worst in a child. Could it be that the same principle applies to us? Just as our parents can push all the wrong buttons on us, we have



the ability to do the same to them, bringing out their worst. What we all should seek to do is push the right buttons to bring out the best in everyone, including our own parents. Obeying your father and your mother when they tell you to do something is pushing the right



button. Just watch how many more liberties and freedoms can come from showing your obedience and responsibility to their leadership. The way of rebelling will lead to more conflicts and less freedom.

To end this section on our relationship without parents, I will give you some tips to try. These tips are not mine; they are suggestions that were given me in a local youth meeting from young people like you.

1. Spend time with your parents and get to know real good.
2. Speak to them about a serious issue or questions at a good time, not when everyone is hyper or tense.
3. Respect their decisions even when you don't understand. God speaks through your parents.
4. Say "sorry" when you are wrong.
5. Tell them "I love you" often.
6. Write them a note, card, or give them something expressing your appreciation.
7. Become friends with your parents, not just family.
8. Give them a nice big hug every once in a while.

Remember, Your parents deserve the utmost respect because the Word requires it. They also deserve respect because they are older and more experienced. May God bless you in your relationship with your parents. They are not your enemies; they are gift from God.

## BROTHERS AND SISTERS



Conflicts in families can be between sisters and brothers. If you've never had an argument with any of your brothers or sisters then congratulations. I don't know how you did it. Tension can get pretty heavy sometimes with a sister or brother. Most of the time it's over a very small issue, like when my brother used to borrow my socks. His didn't seem to be good enough so he just helped himself to mine. My socks became a very heated issue, mainly because I never saw them again after he "borrowed" them. Today it seems so stupid and I still laugh at what we made such huge issues over. "Selfishness" is no doubt the word to describe why most of these conflicts arise, but they do. Brothers and sisters argue over curlers, food, clothes, bedroom territory, and all kinds of other things.



It's not good, but it happens sometimes. Even in the scripture, we find examples, such as Jacob and Esau. Brother Branham spoke of the Branham family fighting with each other in the backyard and fighting for each other in the front.

As I said earlier, families

know each other almost too well. It's easy for brothers and sisters to always bring out each others' weaknesses instead of strengths. To get along requires a respect to be maintained for one another. It's important to concentrate on each other's good areas, instead of the bad. Many times you'll have more respect for other people than members of your own family. **Proverb 24:23** says, "...It is not good to have respect of persons..." Something is wrong when you are so friendly with everyone else and mean to a brother or sister.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." That's a good scripture to apply at home. Be a peacemaker. Treat you brothers and sisters the way you want to be treated. God will bless that effort. Here are some other scriptures I'll leave with you. May you seek God to get along with your other family members.



**Matthew 12:25** "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself shall not stand."

**Romans 12:10,18** "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

**I John 4:7-8** "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that

loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love."

## FRIENDS AND PEERS



We all need friendships. Fellowship is important for every h u m a n

being. We truly need companionship, but we don't need bad companionship. True friends are ones who lead us closer to God. One of the benefits to this life, as we get older, is making our own choices. One of the most important choices outside of your choice to serve God is choosing what kind of company to hang around with. We must choose wisely who will influence our life. **Proverbs 13:20** says this:

"He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

If you also read **Proverbs 1:10-18**, you'll see the wrong influence of hanging around the wrong crowd. Be real choosy of your companions. You might meet someone at school or elsewhere that has a really cool personality, but that's not the basis of choosing a friend. If you have dedicated your life to God, you can't expect to get along perfectly with someone who hasn't. It just doesn't mix. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?..." (II **Corinthians 6:14**) It just never

works out to your good. James 4:4 says you can't a friend with the world and God at the same time. Pick the right friends. That's the first step in getting along good with peers. Serving the Lord will automatically give you things in common. That kind of fellowship is best.

Real friendships are of the Lord. Brother Branham said, "You can't buy friendship with money. Friendship is a gift of God." How wonderful it is to experience a close friendship with a godly friend. There's nothing like it. To have a close friendship you must always be honest and treat that person the way you would want to be treated. Here's a wonderful verse to end this subject of friends: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (**Proverbs 18:24**)

## THE OPPOSITE SEX

Guess what? Out of the wholesome godly friendships you develop might come the s p e c i a l someone you would marry. A good candidate for a husband or wife is someone you have become close friends with and know their walk with God is solid. It's better to get to know someone while they are around the saints and with their family, rather than alone. I know many young people think just the opposite. They say, "I need to be alone with him or her to get to know them better." Why is that?



Is there a difference in their actions and conversation while they are alone? There shouldn't be. What you want to know is what kind of person they really are. You want to see their character. The truth is that these qualities are best displayed in their everyday life with friends and family. Please don't misunderstand. There is a correct courtship that will no doubt include time to talk with just one another, but when young people are so set on being alone so much with their boyfriend or girlfriend to "get to know them" it sounds fishy. If you're seeking a godly courtship that reflects all the purity of scripture, you'll have nothing to hide and nothing will be sneaky. Your fellowship and conversations alone would fit also in groups of young people and his/her family. This is the right way. So many of us in this generation fail to seek this way because we've bought too much of Hollywood's dating instead of God's courtship.



Anyway, I have said enough about that. Maybe in a later issue of Youth Quake we'll deal in depth again on godly courtship. Nevertheless, seeking God's way will certainly strengthen and make for better relationships with the opposite sex. It provides a freedom to speak with girls or guys about the Lord and other things without the crazy little games and lustful spirits floating in the minds of youth. Many young people tell me, "I wish there

could be just good wholesome fellowship without the worry of someone trying to push themselves on you to get into something serious." Some fellows and girls only have a one track mind when it comes to being with a member of the opposite sex. They want to get serious with someone right away. Some young people go to a youth for just that reason alone. How pathetic! There's certainly no better place to find a mate than around the true Word being preached, but to go only for that reason shows your spiritual weakness.

Young people, we must live by faith and not fear. **Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."** I **John 4:18 says, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear..."** Apply these scriptures to the subject of fellowship with the opposite sex. It will keep you from bondage and fear. As instructed by Paul in **I Corinthians 7:1**, single young people should keep themselves pure and reserved for that one mate until the wedding day.

Only in following this way is there true freedom and strong fellowship with brothers and sisters.

Other scriptures to read:

- I Thessalonians 4:2-7**
- I Corinthians 6:18**
- I Corinthians 7:32-35**

#### TEACHERS/EMPLOYERS

Our relationships with

employers and teachers can be difficult sometimes because they are unsaved. Nevertheless, the Bible gives us some very good instructions to help us:

#### Colossians 3:22-24:

**"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord."**

I believe a key for us in verse 23 is to do what we do as unto the Lord, not unto men.

As Christians, we serve God in everything we do. Our school, our work, and our play revolve around our purpose to express Christ to this world. If you think you're working at a place just for a paycheck, you're wrong. God has you there to be a light and while you're at it, you can make money; but the real purpose is to serve the Lord there, too. Clearly, we couldn't possibly treat an employer or teacher badly without hindering our relationship with God.

Remember, we do it as unto the Lord. Christians should be the best workers an employer can find. Christians should also be the best students a teacher could have. Our



life should example faithfulness,

respect, punctuality, honesty, commitment, discipline, purity, dedication, and more specifically the life of Christ. Why? We're doing what we do "heartily" (with all our heart) unto the Lord. Unless an employer/teacher instructs us to do something against our faith, we should obey them in everything as the scripture has said. God's eyes are on us at work or school. You can't be rebellious to these instructors and think God doesn't see it. He does. Part of your obedience to God is your obedience to your leaders. Here is something that the prophet said in "warning Then Judgement" (1963):

**We are responsible, and God has put us here on the earth for a reason, and that reason that He has put us here for, we are responsible to Him for that reason. You should go to Him and find out what He wants you to do. See? If you don't...**

**If you went to work for a man, and he give you a job on a ranch, or something another, and you just went out to the barn and--and just set down out there, and say, "Well?" See, you must go ask him what he wants you to do, and then do it. If you're working for a man, find out what your duties is.**

**And then if our life is on the--the earth here, then we should go to the One Who put us here, and, "Lord, what would You have me do? What--what--what must I do? Why am I here?"**

Also check out these scriptures:

Eph. 6:5-8; Matt. 22:21

PASTOR/BELIEVERS

Most of you reading this paper have a pastor believing this End Time Message. Don't ever take for granted the blessing of this. We can't deny that there are some false ministries today that have messed up either in teaching or their own lives, but don't ever let that make you doubt. God has real ministers. Truly called and ordained to lead us.



Respect the man God has placed over you. Respect his position. Support his ministry with all your heart. Take notes, be faithful to services, and back him up with your "amen." This gives great encouragement to the ministry. Always remember they are human, but the gift in them is of God. Go to your pastor with your questions and concerns. Pray and ask God to use the gift he has provided for the leadership in your life.



the believers. You don't always have to be with other young people. Sometimes it's good to sit around and listen to some who have been through many battles and know how to tackle this enemy we fight against. Getting loaded up with good wisdom and instruction from these role models will give you the upper edge on the devil in your growing years.

Young people, I pray that you have been encouraged in some of these areas. Living life in the Lord is the most wonderful life to live. May you all grow to the place that your "getalongability" is improved in all aspects of your life. May you, as Jesus did, grow in favor with God and man.

God Bless You,  
Brother Paul LaFontaine

Ephesians 4:11-13:

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

God gave these gifts for help. The prophet said this:

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"Stay with your pastor. See? He's the shepherd and you give him respects. He will lead you through and cause he's ordained to do so."

Hebrews 13:7

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of [their] conversation.

Sometimes a pastor may have to really rebuke the church. Sometimes it appears as though he's rebuking just you, but that's God's gift keeping us on track. God's love is expressed in correction from the Word of God. Pray for you pastor, that man has one of the hardest positions in our age. He needs your prayer. If he's a true minister, he will always be open to help guide you in the concerns you may have. Don't be afraid to talk to him, he's not your enemy - he's your brother.

As far as the saints at church, get around the ones you feel are closest to God. Surround yourself with the wisdom, fellowship, and counsel of

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Folks!

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