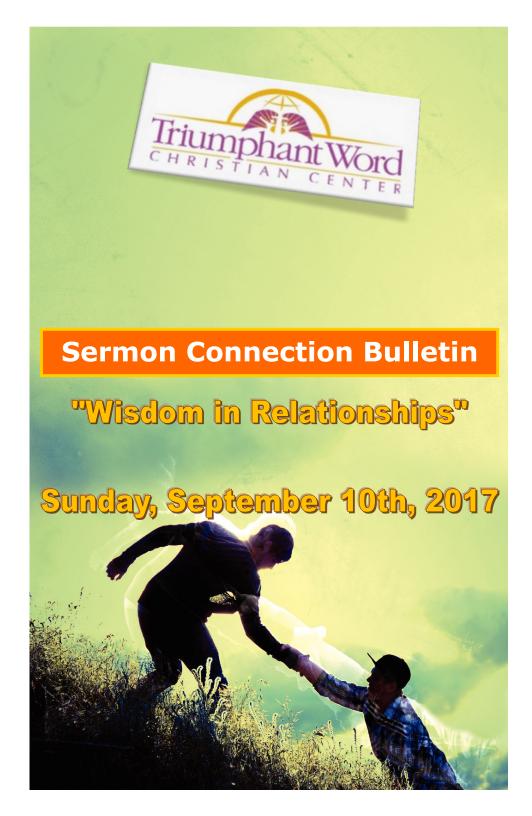


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THE WISDOM IN RELATIONSHIPS NOTES:

REACH Reach the unsaved and un-churched!	CA CH Vision
RAISE Raise and make disciples, followers of Jesus!	Advance the Mission
Connect and care in love with one another! REVOLUNTIONIZE Impact our Community and City for Christ!	VISION CASTING

"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life!"

<u>Sermon</u>: "Wisdom in Relationships" Sunday, September 10th, 2017 Read Luke 2:40, 52 (NKJV)

RELATIONSHIP ARE VITAL TO MAN'S ULTIMATE ACHIEVEMENT IN LIFE. God, who knows what is most needful for man, said: "...It is not good that man should be alone..." - Genesis 2:18

Ecclesiastes 4:9 – 10 (NLT) – "9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." Contact and interaction between people is relationship. To relate means to be in touch, to contact, to be involved one with another. RELATIONSHIPS are crucial, vital and very needful in realizing one's goals and objectives in life.

- One must then be very selective in the RELATIONSHIPS one contracts. A
 wrong relationship can be devastating, heart-breaking, dream-killing and visiondestroying.
- A wrong relationship is detrimental to progress and success in life. It can break you altogether; your gift, expertise and divine grace notwithstanding. 15:33 (NLT) = "33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."
- The choice of company is your responsibility. No relationship takes place without agreement between the two parties involved. Amos 3:3 "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

WHAT IS YOUR RO?: *Right relationships are supposed to result in progress.*This is the acid test for right choice. None of the parties involved in a wrong relationship profit in any way. Negative influences have greater power of pulling people down.

Negative influences darken great futures. **Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)** – "Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble."

Those closest to you will determine the outcome of your life. In other words, the single most important factor defining your future is the relationships you embrace.

Your life is built by relationships. You will receive both the consequences and the rewards of those who are closest to you.

Many people are aware of IQ: <u>Intelligence Quotient</u> Some are aware of EQ: <u>Emotional Quotient</u> You each have a SQ: <u>Spiritual Quotient</u> Every person is spiritual. We truly live internally, not just externally. All of these are determined by your RQ: <u>Relationship Quotient</u> Friends, there are people that come in and out of your life all of the time. But, it is the people you need to have "STAY" in your life in what matters and is important.

WE ALL NEED TO BUILD A "LIFE TEAM" OF "FAITH FRIENDS". THESE ARE PEO-PLE WHO YOU BELIEVE IN, BUT ALSO PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU BASED OF COURSE ON SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLE, PROTOCOL & PRACTICE.

Every person on your "Life Team" must be committed to life-long, long-term relationship. Pursue relationships you need, not just the one that need you!

CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS WISELY: Proverbs 12:26 (NKJV) – "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray." Three types of people you have in and out of your life: (1) <u>Compromisers</u> = people who are always trying to take you backwards. They want to take you back to where you came from. They continue remind you of yesterday. (2) <u>Companion</u> = these are people you walk. There is still uncertainty about this person, whether they will be a positive or negative influence in your life or not. (3) <u>Committed</u> = these people care about you just as much as you do yourself. This frees you up to care about them. How to Select Friends: #1) They must have the right Spiritual Mativation: John 15:13

Friends: #1) They must have the right <u>Spiritual Motivation</u>: <u>John 15:13</u> (NKJV); <u>Proverbs 17:17 (NKJV)</u> #2) They must have the right <u>Social Mannerism</u>: <u>Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)</u>; <u>Proverbs 18:24 and</u> #3) They must have the right <u>Speech Management</u>: <u>Proverbs 16:28 (NKJV)</u>; <u>Proverbs 27:9 (NKJV)</u> Friends, remember the devil's most effective form of distraction is poor relationships.
