



## Questions You Should Ask Me About Relationships

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### I. General Relationship Questions

1. How do I relate to people I don't like? (Put on their glasses)
2. How do I get over being wronged in a relationship? (Consider your own sinfulness)

**Question:** What have you done that you don't want anybody to know you have done?

3. Why don't I like a good relationship that I should like? (Your taste and personal preferences)
4. As a parent, what did you do wrong, what did you do right, and what would you do differently?
  - I was too hard of a disciplinarian in the beginning (That was a short-cut)
  - I was present and very engaging (Right)
  - I would not let my role as a pastor slow down my entrepreneurial passion and training of my kids. (We could have done more entrepreneurial things but I hesitated.)

**Note:** I hesitated out of the fear of being misunderstood

### II. Single Relationship Questions

1. How do you have a relationship without sexual intimacy? (Adjust your location and limit your opportunity)

**Question: Proverbs 6:27, "Can a man take fire in his bosom and not be burned?"**

2. How do you deal with people who make getting you married their priority? (Tell them it's not your main goal or priority)

**Note:** Paul thought single life without children was the best life (1 Corinthians 7:7-8)

(The Message): Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But **celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is**. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others. 8 I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me.

3. What should a single person do until they get into a relationship (Live, Prosper, Grow)

**Ecclesiastes 9:10 (The Message):** Whatever turns up, grab it and do it. And heartily! This is your last and only chance at it, For there's neither work to do nor thoughts to think In the company of the dead, where you're most certainly headed.

**Ecclesiastes 9:10 (NKJV):** Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going.



### **III. Senior Relationship Questions**

1. Do you have relationships beyond your kids and grandkids?
2. Do you have a dream for your future?
3. Do you talk about the past or your future?

**Note:** If you don't have money to go on vacation do a stay-cation in downtown where you live

### **IV. Children Relationship Questions**

1. What if you feel your parents are mean to you? (Look from their side)
2. What can you do if you feel your friends don't like you? (Judge yourself, judge their maturity and be fair.)
3. How do you respond to bullying? Say something to someone who can help you stop it)

### **Bonus Questions**

- What do I do about relationships that have a low return on investment? (See if the value can be improved)
- Can I get rid of my mate because the return on investment is low? (Are you both willing to improve the relationship?)
- Why is it harder to relate to your children as they grow up sometime? (The way you see them)
- How do I get along with people on my job when I don't like them? (Make sure you see clearly)
- How do I respond when I don't get promotions, I feel I should have received? (Be amazing and keep being valuable until another opportunity comes or go make your own opportunity)

**Next Week:** Making Better Work Decisions