

Christian Relationship Checklist

A Christian has many relationships. God has given us instructions regarding these various relationships. The following checklist can be used to (1) identify sins and behavior that needs to be corrected, (2) identify ways you can improve, and (3) provide a reference for future situations you may find yourself in. If, through studying the scriptures, you find areas where you have sinned, confess your sins to God. You may also need to ask forgiveness from the person you've offended. In some cases, restitution may be required to restore a loss you have caused another. Also, pray about and try to think of new and better ways of fulfilling the instructions. Purpose to follow each of the commands and/or instructions as best you can in every relationship through the power of the Holy Spirit. As you submit to God in these relationships, you will be blessed, others will be blessed, and God will be honored. The following list is by no means exhaustive. As you read the scriptures, you can expand it.

God

Glorify Him in your body and spirit (1Cor 6:20)
Worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23)
Fear Him (Matt 10:28)
Repent toward Him (Acts 20:21)
Humble yourself before Him (1Pet 5:6)
Believe in His Son (John 20:31)
Trust in Him with all your heart (Prov 3:5)
Praise Him continually (Heb 13:15)
Love Him with all your heart soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30)
Submit to Him (James 4:7)
Obey His commandments (1John 2:3)
Don't sin against Him (Psalm 4:4; 1John 2:1; Rom 6; 2Tim 2:19; 1Cor 10:13)
Confess your sins to Him (1Jn 1:9)
Serve Him with reverence and godly fear (Heb 12:28)
Pray to Him without ceasing (Luke 18:1; 1Th 5:17)
Read, study, and meditate on His word (Rev 1:3; 2Tim 2:15; Psalm 1:2)
Be filled with all His fullness (Eph 3:19; 4:13; 5:18)

Your wife

Praise her for her good works (Prov 31:28)
Dwell with her according to knowledge (1Pet 3:7)
Give honor unto her, as unto the weaker vessel (1Pet 3:7)
Love her as you love yourself--even your own body (Eph 5:28-33)
Love her as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (Eph 5:25)
Love her and be not bitter against her (Col 3:19)
Submit to her (Eph 5:21)
Provide for her (1Tim 5: 8)
Be satisfied with her breasts and be ravished always with her love (Prov 5:19)
Do not deprive her of bodily affections except it be with consent for a time of prayer and fasting (1Cor 7:3-5)
Never commit adultery, physically or in your heart (Gal 5:19; Mat 5:28)

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Your husband

Reverence him (Eph 5:33)

Help him (Gen 2:18)

Submit to him as unto the Lord (Eph 5:22, 23)

As the church is subject to Christ, be subject unto your husband in everything
(Eph 5:24; 1Pet 3:1)

Love him (Titus 2:5)

Be obedient to him (Titus 2:5)

Do him good and not evil all the days of your life (Prov 31:12)

Let your adorning be the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God
a great price (1Peter 3:4)

Do not deprive him of bodily affections except it be with consent for a time of prayer and
fasting (1Cor 7:3-5)

Never commit adultery, physically or in your heart (Gal 5:19; Mat 5:28)

Your children

Love them (Titus 2:4)

Train them up in the way they should go (Prov 22:6)

Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph 6:4)

Chasten them when they do wrong (Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:6,15; 23:13,14; 26:3; 29:15,17;
Heb 12:6-11)

Fathers, don't provoke them to anger, lest they be discouraged (Col 3:21)

Lay up for your children and grandchildren (Prov 13:22; 2Cor 12:14)

Your parents

Children, obey them in the Lord (Eph 6:1; Col 3:20)

Honor them (Eph 6:2)

Requite, provide for, and relieve them if they are desolate (1Tim 5:4-8,16)

The elderly

Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father (1Tim 5:1)

Exhort the elder women as mothers (1Tim 5:2)

Help the church relieve widows who are widows indeed (1Tim 5:3-10,16)

Provide for and relieve your own elderly parents and widowed aunts who are desolate
(1Tim 5:4-8,16)

The younger

Exhort the younger men as brethren (1Tim 5:1)

Exhort the younger women as sisters, with all purity (1Tim 5:2)

Do not despise their youth (1Tim 4:12)

Aged women teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their
children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own
husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed. (Titus 2:3-5)

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Exhort the young men likewise to be sober minded, showing a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing incorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned (Titus 2:6-8)

Those in authority in the church (the elders) and other teachers

Remember and obey them which have the rule over you, as they watch for your souls (Heb 13:7, 17)

Know them and esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake (1Thes 5:12)

Count the elders that rule well worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine (1Tim 5:17)

Give unto him that teaches you in all good things (Gal 6:6)

Provide carnal things to those who have sown spiritual things unto you (1Cor 9:6-15)

Don't receive an accusation against an elder, except before two or three witnesses (1Tim 5:19)

Rebuke the elders that sin before all, that others also may fear (1Tim 5:20; Gal 2:11-14; 3Jn 1:9-11)

The sick

When called for by a sick believer, let the elders pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord (James 5:14,15)

If any person has a healing gift, it should be used to aid the sick (1Cor 12:9, 28, 30)

Visit and minister unto the sick (Mat 25:43,44)

The poor and needy

Give to them (Eph 4:28)

Don't show partiality toward the rich (James 2:1-9)

Visit them in their affliction (James 1:27)

Those in authority (civil government)

Be subject to and obey every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake (Rom 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1Pet 2:13)

Do not resist them (Rom 13:2)

Render to all their dues (Rom 13:7)

Honor them (1Pet 2:13-17; Rom 13:7)

Do not speak evil of them, but rather show all meekness (Titus 3:1,2)

Make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for them (1Tim 2:1-4)

Do not obey civil laws if in so doing, you must disobey God's word (Dan 3; 6; Acts 5:17-29)

Yourself

Judge yourself when you sin (1Cor 11:31; 1Jn 1:9)

Be content with what God has given you (Luke 3:14; Phil 4:11; Heb 13:5)

Take wrong if necessary (1Cor 6:7)

Esteem others better than yourself (Phil 2:3)

Prefer others to yourself (Rom 12:10)

Deny yourself (Matt 16:24)

Die to self daily for Jesus (1Cor 15:31; Gal 2:20; 2Cor 4:11)

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Heretics (those who teach false doctrine)

Reprove them and have no fellowship with them (Eph 5:11)
Rebuke them sharply that they may be sound in the faith (Titus 1:9-13)
Receive them not into your house (2John 10,11)
After the second admonition, reject them (Titus 3:10)
Mark them and avoid them (Rom 16:17)
Turn away from them (2Tim 3:5-7)
Separate yourself from them (2Cor 6:14-17)
Withdraw yourself from them (1Tim 6:3-5)

An unbeliever who has done you wrong

Do not speak evil of him to others, but show all meekness (Titus 3:2)
Do him good in return (1Thes 5:15; Matt 5:44)
Love him and pray for him (Matt 5:44)
Don't avenge yourself (Rom 12:19)
Live peaceably with him as much as possible (Rom 12:18)

A believer who has done you wrong

Forgive in your heart, putting away all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and malice (Mark 11:25; Eph 4:31; Heb 12:15)
Do him good in return (1Pet 3:9-11; 1Thes 5:15; Matt 5:44)
Do not speak evil of him to another, but show all meekness (1Pet 3:9,10; Eph 4:31; James 4:11; Titus 3:2)
Seek peace and pursue it (1Pet 3:11; Rom 12:17-21)
Go and tell him his fault between you and him alone, rebuking him (Matt 18:15; Luke 17:3)
If he repents, forgive him to restored fellowship (Luke 17:3,4; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)
If he will not hear you, then take one or two more believers for witnesses (Matt 18:16)
If he neglects to hear them, tell it to the church (Matt 18:17)
If he neglects to hear the church, let him be as a heathen man and a publican (Matt 18:17).
By his walking disorderly in this manner, you should withdraw yourself from him (2Thes 3:6), delivering him unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, putting the wicked person away from among you (1Cor 5:5,7,13). Do not keep company with him and do not eat with him, that he may be ashamed (1Cor 5:9,11; 2Thes 3:14). This punishment is inflicted that he may learn not to sin and to restore him and save his spirit in the day of the Lord Jesus (1Tim 1:20; 2Cor 2:5-9; 1Cor 5:5). It also must be done to prevent him from damaging the church (1Cor 5:5,7,13). Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother (2Thes 3:15). Do not inflict excessive punishment (2Cor 2:6). If he repents, forgive him, comfort him, and confirm your love toward him, lest perhaps he be swallowed up with too much sorrow (Luke 17:3,4; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13; 2Cor 2:6,7; 2Cor 12:19 thru 13:2).
If you have a matter pertaining to this life against another brother, go before the saints to judge between you. Do not dare go to law before the unjust. For it would be better to be defrauded than to go to law before unbelievers with a brother (1Cor 6:1-8). Live peaceably with him as much as possible (Rom 12:18)

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A Christian who is overtaken in a fault or walks disorderly

Do not speak evil of him to another, but show all meekness (James 4:11; Titus 3:2)

Mourn and be not puffed up (1Cor 5:2)

Those who are spiritual, restore him in the spirit of meekness (Gal 6:1; Mat 7:1-5)

If a brother walks disorderly, withdraw yourself from him (2Thes 3:6), delivering him unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, putting the wicked person away from among you (1Cor 5:5,7,13). Do not keep company with him and do not eat with him, that he may be ashamed (1Cor 5:9,11; 2Thes 3:14). This punishment is inflicted to restore him and to save his spirit in the day of the Lord Jesus (2Cor 2:5-9; 1Cor 5:5). It also must be done to prevent him from damaging the church (1Cor 5:5,7,13). Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother (2Thes 3:15). Do not inflict excessive punishment (2Cor 2:6). If he repents, forgive him, comfort him, and confirm your love toward him, lest perhaps he be swallowed up with too much sorrow (Luke 17:3,4; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13; 2Cor 2:6,7; 2Cor 12:19 thru 13:2).

Others in general

Do good to them as you have opportunity (Gal 6:10)

Prefer them to yourself (Rom 12:10)

Esteem them better than yourself (Phil 2:3)

Speak no evil of them, but show all meekness (Titus 3:2)

Provide things honest in their sight (Rom 12:17)

Love them as you love yourself (Rom 13:8,9)

Be patient toward them (1Thes 5:14)

Speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15)

Make supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks for them (1Tim 2:1-4)

Unbelievers particularly

Be a witness of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)

Preach the gospel to them (Mark 16:15)

Baptize and teach them (Matt 28:19,20)

Be not unequally yoked together with them. Have no fellowship or communion with them. Come out from among them and be separate (2Cor 6:14, 17). A believer is allowed to keeping company with sinners (1Cor 5:10).

Our brothers and sisters in Christ

Love them with a pure heart fervently (1Peter 1:22)

Be of one mind, having compassion one for another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous (1Pet 3:8)

Don't offend a weaker brother (Rom 14:19-21)

Give to those in necessity (Rom 12:13; Phil 4:16)

Pray for them (2Thes 1:11; 3:1)

Do not forsake the assembling of yourself with them (Heb 10:25)

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Edify them by using your spiritual gifts decently, in order, and heartily (1Cor 14:40; Col 3:23)
As you have opportunity, do good especially unto fellow believers (Gal 6:20)