



Other principles to relationships

Lending ruins relationships

Lending just as co-signing will put your relationship on the line. Your relationship with that person will instantly change once they borrow, or you borrow from them.

No one can ever predict the eventual behavior of another person. This why banks take certain steps to ensure that you have a good history of paying back. If you lend, be willing to lose it. Turn your lent thing into a gift.

I would rather prefer to give than to lend. For instance, if someone asks me to lend him \$1000, I will probably give him \$100.

When you give, remove all strings. Most people give you stuff, and they want to direct and control your life with it. They want to know what you did with it, how you treat it, and Oh, you can't sell it, you need to use it every time.

Control

Proverbs 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

- a) This verse is not forbidding debt nor is it saying it is sin but is telling us the reality of borrowing. If God was not for debt or credit in any way, He would not have told us that He would make us lenders to nations.
 - i) Deuteronomy 28:12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.
- b) This principle is not only true for lending companies or businesses, it is also true for friendships and relationships.

- c) Your influence diminishes when you become a slave or servant to someone else, regardless of your history.

Cheap

I hate free stuff, and I despise cheap stuff such as Chinese food for \$1 or candy from a dollar store. That is not food, it is junk, and the price tag tells you so.

One of the most overlooked dangers of a relationship is when one says to you, "I will do it for free." Let's say they are editing a book for you or something else, you want to ensure to pay them. Your relationship with that person is about to go south if they do it for free. Many people will take their time and you can't rush them because you aren't paying. You will get frustrated, bitter, and angry.

You will lose your influence, confidence, and direction because you are not paying, and, most times, they will do a poor job. Your relationship will be affected. Pay up!

More Scriptures:

- a) Proverbs 14:20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.
- b) Proverbs 17:9,17-18 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend.
- c) Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
- d) Proverbs 19:22 The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar.
- e) Proverbs 19:4 Wealth maketh many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbour.
- f) Proverbs 19:6 Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- g) Proverbs 19:7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: how much more do his friends go far from him? he pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.

h) Proverbs 19:9 A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish.

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