



# TRUTH!

## WISDOM FOR FLOURISHING PEOPLE

### SERIES RESOURCES

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What does every relationship need?  
Proverbs 15, James 1:19-20

**James 1:19** *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

1. You were created for REALationship.
  1. You are made in the image of God
    1. Genesis 1:27
    2. God, Father, Son and Spirit, is the perfect picture of a perfect relationship
  2. The church is the body of Christ
    1. John 17:20-23
    2. Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are one
    3. Acts 2:42-47
    4. The best picture we have of what church should look like is in Acts
2. REALationships require sacrifice.
  1. Jesus had to lay His life down to restore our relationship with God
  2. I think what Proverbs is telling us about relationships is to be more like Jesus
    1. Listen with patience and humility.
      1. Proverbs 15:18 (AMP) A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger and patient calms disputes.
      2. Jesus listened with patience and humility.
    2. Speak with grace and love.

1. Proverbs 15:1(AMP) A soft *and* gentle *and* thoughtful answer turns away wrath, But harsh *and* painful *and* careless words stir up anger.
    2. Jesus spoke with grace and love.
  3. Check your heart.
    1. Proverbs 15:28 (AMP) The heart of the righteous thinks carefully about how to answer [in a wise and appropriate and timely way], But the [babbling] mouth of the wicked pours out malevolent things.
    2. Is Jesus in there?
  3. To see your relationships flourish, you have to be more like Jesus
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3. REALationships need more of Jesus and less of you.
    1. Your “self” is what keeps you from thriving relationships
    2. To be like Jesus, you have to be WITH Jesus