

## Some Bible verses for relationships

Theme	Verse
<b>Communication</b>	You must all be quick to <b>listen</b> , slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <i>James 1:19b (NLT)</i>
	Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. <i>Ephesians 4:29 (TEV)</i>
	Gentle words are a tree of life. <i>Proverbs 15:4</i>
	Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one. <i>Matthew 5:37 (NLT)</i>
<b>Resolving Conflict</b>	A Gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare. <i>Proverbs 15:1 (NLT)</i>
	If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry - get over it quickly; for when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil. <i>Ephesians 4:26,27 (TLB)</i>
	Stop being mean, bad-tempered, and angry. Quarrelling, harsh words, and dislike of others should have no place in your lives. Instead, be kind to each other, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, just as God has forgiven you because you belong to Christ. <i>Ephesians 4:31,32 (TLB)</i>
	Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <i>Colossians 3:13 (NLT)</i>
	Be tender-hearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. <i>1 Peter 3: 8-9 (NLT)</i>
	We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. <i>Romans 15:1,2 (NLT)</i>
<b>Expressing Love</b>	Love your neighbour as yourself. <i>Matthew 22: 39b (NLT)</i>
	Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other. <i>Romans 12:10 (NLT)</i>
	God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. We love each other because he loved us first. <i>1 John 4: 16-19 (NLT)</i>
	Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. <i>1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 (NLT)</i>
Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. <i>1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)</i>	

<b>Husbands &amp; Wives</b>	<p>A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. <i>Genesis 2:24 (NLT)</i></p>	
	<p>And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Saviour of his body, the church. As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. <i>Ephesians 5:21-24 (NLT)</i></p>	
	<p>For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. <i>Ephesians 5:25-28 (NLT)</i></p>	
	<p>So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. <i>Ephesians 5:33 (NLT)</i></p>	
	<p>The husband should fulfil his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfil her husband’s needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won’t be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. <i>1 Corinthians 7:2-5 (NLT)</i></p>	
	<b>Relational needs</b>	<p>Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. <i>Romans 15:7 (NLT)</i></p>
		<p>Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. <i>Romans 12:15 (NIV)</i></p>
		<p>Encourage each other. Live in harmony and peace. Then the God of love and peace will be with you. <i>2 Corinthians 13:11b (NLT)</i></p>
		<p>Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. <i>Galatians 6:2 (NLT)</i></p>
		<p>Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. <i>Romans 12:10 (NIV)</i></p>
<p>Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling-block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. <i>Romans 14:13 (NIV)</i></p>		
<p>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <i>Ephesians 4: 2 (NIV)</i></p>		
<p>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. <i>Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)</i></p>		