

Relationship Goals

How To Win
At What Matters Most

No Longer Alone

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Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 2:18 NLT

1. Success Without Relationships Is Empty

"There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. 'For whom am I toiling,' he asked, 'and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?' This too is meaningless—a miserable business!"

Ecclesiastes 4:8 NIV

You can:

- Be successful in business but lose your family
- Gain influence but lose intimacy
- Win a lot of worldly achievements but lose out on what matters most

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mark 8:36-37 NKJV

"Achievement without companionship leads to emptiness."

2. Relationships Multiply Strength

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."

Ecclesiastes 4:9 NIV

Two people:

- Accomplish more.
- Go farther.
- Live longer.

Stop viewing people as roadblocks to your goals. They are the goal.

3. Relationships Provide Support in Hard Times

"If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."

Ecclesiastes 4:10 NIV

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We all stumble in many ways.

[James 3:2a NIV](#)

- Isolation makes burdens heavier.
- Community makes recovery easier.

The question isn't if you'll stumble, it's who will be there when you do.

Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

[Galatians 6:2 NLT](#)

4. Relationships Bring Comfort and Protection

"Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

[Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 NIV](#)

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

[Proverbs 18:1 ESV](#)