

2023 DANIEL FAST

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Relationships Everyone's Always Looking for

DAY 19

Romans 12:9-12 [The Voice Translation] *“Love others well, and don’t hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good as if your life depends on it.”*¹⁰ *Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others by putting them first.”*¹¹ *Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord.”*¹² *Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming and devote yourselves to prayer.”*¹³ **Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing;** take every opportunity to open your life and home to others.”

Do you find it hard to share? I think most people do because its part of the fallen nature of man to be stingy. No parent has ever had to teach their child to say, *“That’s mine!”* Our new nature in Christ is a one hundred and eighty degree turn from the old Adamic nature. God gives us a new nature, with new motives, and new priorities. One of those priorities in building strong relationships is the ability to give without hesitancy.

Most people, at some time in their life, has had to go without something that they wanted. It could have been food, new clothes, a car that is dependable, a better home, etc. In building relationships that will last and bring joy to our lives, giving is one of the building blocks that makes a strong friendship. Most people do not want to build or have relationship with people who only think about themselves. Stinginess can be heard, seen, and felt.

In the Body of Christ, the local church, we should help others when we can, give to others when we can, make life a little bit easier when we can. God does not call us to share everything we have all the time. We would soon have nothing to give. Our Father wants us to be tender and kind hearted so that when it’s time for us to share with others, we can hear the gentle prompting of the Holy Spirit to do just that. Our relationships are much healthier and happier when we share and give. This is how we *“love others well.”*

It’s time to build Relationships Everyone’s Always Looking for!

Worship Song:

"Grace Comes Like A Wave" – Elevation Worship

<https://youtu.be/cNCjhVXFPqI>

Scripture Readings:

Hebrews 13:16 [The New English Translation] *"And do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for God is pleased with such sacrifices."*

Proverbs 11:24-25 [The Message] *"The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. ²⁵ The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped."*

1 John 3:16, 18 [The Living Bible] *"We know what real love is from Christ's example in dying for us. And so, we also ought to lay down our lives for our Christian brothers. ¹⁸ Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions."*

Prayer:

Father, I pray that I will be a giver. I will help people. I will share with others when I am prompted by the Holy Spirit. You have blessed me, and I want to be a blessing to those around me. In all my relationships I desire to be a person of compassion and empathy. I truly want to reflect You as my Father, the ultimate giver. I have Your nature and I have a new heart because of Jesus. May He lead me and guide me in all my relationships to be a person who gives to help others in need. In the Name of Jesus I pray, amen!

Today, I need to pray for:

What is God telling me today?
