

### Father Knows Best (Part 3)

**“Hear, children, the instruction of a father, and listen to knowledge and understanding.”**

**Proverbs 4:1**

Whether you are single, dating, married or hope to get married one day, never forget that your heavenly Father knows best. The Bible is filled with examples of successful and unsuccessful relationships. In the scripture, we can find many relationship do's and don'ts. The problem is, just like little children, some of us are not paying attention or just refuse to pay attention to what God says. So far, we have discovered the following instructions from our Father that we need to take heed to if we want to have successful relationships: (1) Keep God first; (2) Be patient; (3) Listen; and (4) Be Compatible. The last tip from our heavenly Father is one that many often take for granted and, as a result, wind up in relationships that are a burden rather than a blessing.

**(5) Honor God.** (*Joshua 24:15; Proverbs 3:6; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:20; Colossians 3:17*)  
– Who you choose to enter into a relationship with is ultimately up to you. Although your Father gives you instructions on how to establish godly relationships, it is up to you to decide whether or not you are going to be obedient and follow those instructions. Decide today that you are going to honor God in your relationship choices. Determine in your heart that you are only going to seek someone who is committed to honoring God with and through their life. Pray for God's guidance, blessings and discernment in your effort to establish a relationship that honors Him. If you are trying to honor God and the person you are interested in or that is interested in you is not trying to honor God, know that that person is not for you. God will never send you anyone that will distract, deter or discourage you from following Him. Don't allow your emotions and lusts of the flesh to cloud your judgment. Commit your soul, mind and body to the Lord and be faithful to Him until the end.

Remember, your heavenly Father knows what's best for you. As a matter of fact, He wants the best for you. Just like the awesome Father that He is, He will never lead you down the wrong path or to the wrong person. He will always provide you exactly what you need exactly when you need it. If you listen to your Father, He will lead you to the person He has selected for you...the person who loves Him just as much as (or more than) you. When it comes to building a strong, healthy and godly relationship, always keep God first; be patient; listen to what He is telling (and showing) you; only seek, date, marry someone who God says is compatible with you in faith, values and maturity; and, no matter what, be committed to honoring God in your relationship choices. If a godly relationship is your desire, you cannot have that unless God is a part of it. It takes three – a godly you, a godly mate and God himself, to have a relationship that pleases Him.