*Strengthening resolve to trust God and empowering prosperous living built on intimate relationship with God*

**Who are you? Is a question we sometimes ask as the imperfection, personality and true character of a person with whom we are in a relationship begins to surface**

When King Xerxes was in high spirits…he told the seven eunuchsto bring Queen Vashti to him…But when they conveyed the king’s order…she refused to come. This made the king furious…he burned with anger. *Ester 1:10-12 (NLT)*

**Revealing the true phases of a new relationship**

1. E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– Intense joy or delight
2. R\_\_\_– the state of things as they are or appear to be
3. C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– A call to engage in a contest, fight, or competition

# Four reasons we experience trouble in our relationships

* L\_\_ – pretending to be better than who they really are

Motivations:

* + **Fear**
  + **Fantasy**
  + **Fakeness**
* I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – no experience with God’s standard
* B\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– unwilling to see the value of the fruit of the Kingdom way

*Before every person there is a path that seems like the right one to take, but it leads straight to hell! Proverbs 16:25 (TPT)*

* D\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **–** intoxicatedwith pride, unforgiveness, bitterness, or lust

# Unexpected Guest(s) and Unexpected Demands could cause steady loss of joy in a relationship. [*John 2:1-11]*

**5 Successes for my marriage and/or relationships:**

1. Stay Connected
2. Stay Obedient
3. Stay Full
4. Stay Focused
5. Stay in the Mirror

## **Paul’s instruction to us:**

*CHOOSE to let go of my old way of acting*

*CHANGE the way I think…… [Romans 12:1-2]*

*Develop CHRIST CHARACTER*

*If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus! And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self - life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. Now it’s time to be made new by every revelation that’s been given to you. And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in his perfect righteousness, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness.**Ephesians 4:21-24 (TPT)*

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