

# “Crazy Cycle”

Theory: **Good relationships** are possible, but they are not probable.

Romans 12:2 The Message Bible

*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

**Relationship Myths** from Our Culture

Myth #1: Everything will get better **in time**.

Myth #2: Marriage will make me **happy**.

Myth #3: A **spouse** will complete me.

Ephesians 3:19 NLT

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

**Then you will be made complete** with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

“Often the failure of men and women to meet each other’s emotional needs is simply due to ignorance of each other’s needs and not selfish unwillingness to be considerate.”  
Dr. Larry Crabb

Serve **One Another**

Ephesians 5:18 NLT

..... be **filled** with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:21 NLT

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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## Understanding Husband and Wife Differences

Ephesians 5:33 NLT

Each man must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.



Sermon in a sentence

At the heart of flourishing relationships is unconditional love and unconditional respect.

Ephesians 4:32 NIV

Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ladies, respect his desire for conquest.

Ladies, respect his desire to analyze and counsel.

Ladies, respect his intentions.

Philippians 4:8 NLT

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

Gentlemen, love her by getting to know her.

Gentlemen, love her by accepting her.

Gentlemen, love her by making her your priority.

ENERGIZING CHART FROM *Dr. Emerson Eggerichs "Love and Respect"*



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