

I am my brother's keeper

Genesis 4:9-10

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's

keeper?" He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground



Introduction

In this final part of this series on My Brother's keeper, we come to an important part of accountability. Accountability in the area of relationship. The starting point is why is it that many young people especially powerful Christians fail when it comes to the area of relationship. This is relationship with the opposite sex. A girlfriend, or boyfriend – why is Accountability important in relationship and why is being my Brother's Keeper important is ensuring that any boy-girl relationship is built on a strong foundation in Christ.

I'm in love – He or She is the One.

- ❖ Many of us are in the stage of finding love. For some this is “true love” – This is a huge topic, which we can digest further, but for this purpose and looking at the “I am my Brother's Keeper” series, we start with a few questions;

1. How do I know he or she is the one?

The truth is you don't. Before you take that first step into a relationship, try and find out about their relationship with God first.

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

- ❖ When you have a person that you are accountable to in your relationship, you will always ensure that Your Brother or Sister is praying with you for the right person that God will send in His time. Don't rush into something you are not prepared for?
- ❖ Relationship costs TIME, EMOTIONS, FEELINGS, MONEY, RESPONSIBILITY, COMMITMENT etc. If you are willing to commit to this, then prayerfully consider the person that God will send your way.
- ❖ One of the Biggest Problem with Christianity is that there is no accountability in relationship especially to “my Brothers or Sisters” . Your Brother or Sister will need to be the kind that will hold you to account and sharpen you when you stray

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17, [NIV](#))

2. Without Wisdom in relationship and A Brother's Keeper, you can easily stray

Judges 16

Remember Samson – – Samson was in love with a woman that would come between the covenant established between him and God. If we are not

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moving in wisdom, it is easy to get side-tracked by beauty and other outward appearances that we begin to lose sight of our relationship with God. A Brother or Sister must be that voice of wisdom as you move into a relationship.

If you are keen on a relationship – Pray for someone who will love God more than he or she will love you. Remember that person is still a brother or sister in Christ. And ask your Brother or Sister to hold you accountable to God’s standards for your life.

3. Dealing with a Brother or Sister in Christ.



In our fellowship as Champs, we need to develop a relationship that is based on;

- i. earnest love for one another (1 Peter 1:22),
- ii. devoted brotherly affection (Romans 12:10),
- iii. single-minded unity (Romans 15:5),
- iv. eating together (1 Corinthians 11:33),
- v. bearing each other’s burdens (Galatians 6:2), and
- vi. having the same care for each other (1 Corinthians 12:25).

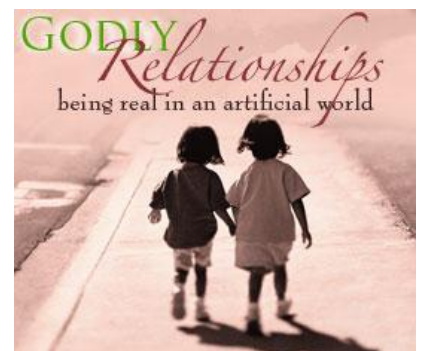
4. What if as our friendship grow, we start developing feelings for each other

Talk to a leader or talk to your Accountability Partner – Share with him/her and pray about it. Seek the Lord about it and when if the sister or brother has a same responses in prayer than together bring it to the attention of the fellowship that you are part of.

Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not trust in your own understanding. Agree with Him in all your ways, and He will make your paths straight.*

5. Why is a Keeper important even in your walk as a Christian towards relationship

- i. He or she is a prayer warrior with you on this very delicate issue: **James 5:16** *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*
- ii. He or she will strengthen you as you go through challenging times: **1 Thessalonians 5:11** – *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing*
- iii. He or she will rebuke you when necessary: **2 Timothy 4:2** *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.*
- iv. He or she will stand will hold you accountable: **Galatians 6:2** - *Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.*



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