

# The soil we grow from

## RELATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

God is our \_\_\_\_\_.

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2nd Corinthians 5:15-21 *He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

- Is there a disconnect between the life of \_\_\_\_\_ and my "\_\_\_\_\_ " life?
- Are there areas of life I don't expect \_\_\_\_\_ to affect?
- Are there any struggles I am going through where I can see the connection to not fulfilling \_\_\_\_\_?

Matthew 6:33 *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

## What's the difference between human \_\_\_\_\_ and Godly \_\_\_\_\_ ?

2nd Corinthians 13:5 *Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith.*

1st Thessalonians 5:21 *but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good.*

1st Timothy 3:10 *Before they are appointed as deacons, let them be closely examined. If they pass the test, then let them serve as deacons.*

1st John 4:1 *Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.*

2nd Peter 1:8 *For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 7:1 *Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.*

Judging: we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ the other person.

Evaluating: we \_\_\_\_\_ the other person.

Galatians 6:1 *Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.*

Judging: intends to \_\_\_\_\_.

Evaluating: intends to \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 1:18 *But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.<sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. <sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*

<sup>21</sup> *Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. <sup>23</sup> And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.*

<sup>24</sup> *So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. <sup>25</sup> They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. <sup>26</sup> That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. <sup>27</sup> And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.*

<sup>28</sup> *Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God, he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done. <sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip. <sup>30</sup> They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents. <sup>31</sup> They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy. <sup>32</sup> They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.*

Romans 2:1 *You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.*

Judging: \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

Evaluating: \_\_\_\_\_ to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**- THERE ARE FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES OF LIFE AND GROWTH WITHOUT WHICH \_\_\_\_\_.**

**- THE FOUNDATIONAL THINGS ARE NOT \_\_\_\_\_.**