

YEAR SEVEN

TOPIC: RELATIONSHIP WITHIN THE FAMILY

A family is a set of parents and children, or of relations, living together or not. A family is the smallest unit that forms a society or nation.

TYPES OF FAMILY.

1. Nuclear family: this type of family consist of a man and his wife with their children.
2. Extended family: this consist of a father, mother, children, uncle, grandparents, cousins, aunties, nieces etc.

RELATIONSHIP IN THE FAMILY

Family members are related by blood, marriage or adoption.

HOME WORK:

1. WRITE OUT NAMES OF FAMILY MEMBERS. E.g Uncle: your father's or mother's brother.
2. FAMILY TREE.

TOPIC: ROLES OF FAMILY MEMBERS.

FATHER

1. Love their wives as Christ Loved the church.
2. Provide for the family.
3. Should not provoke their children to anger.
4. Should not be harsh on their children.

MOTHERS

1. Be submissive to their husbands.
2. Teach the children how to respect others.
3. Assist their husbands.

SERVANTS

1. Obey their earthly masters.
2. Render services with good will as to God.
3. They are to be faithful and do their task without eye-service.
4. Follow Christ honestly.

MASTERS

1. They should treat servants with the fear of the Lord.

TOPIC: IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD FAMILY NAME

Having a good name is more precious than being rich. (proverbs 22:1)

A good name is to be chosen rather than silver and gold.

Names are very important because they can open or shut doors against a person. The way one lives has a great influence on his name.

A good family must build their home on Christ the rock. They should make God almighty the king of their home.

Staying away from crime or any other negative acts will help a family develop a good name and reputation. A good family should be law abiding.

Good children should be ideal Christians. They must not bring the name of their family into dishonor.

TOPIC: RELATIONSHIP IN SCHOOL

There are two types of relationships that occur in our school.

1. FORMAL RELATIONSHIP: this occurs between the teacher and the students. Among the principal and the teachers and the students and between the principal and vice-principal.
2. INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP: This occurs among students as friends.

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

1. Principal
2. Vice Principal
3. Teacher
4. Prefects
5. Class captain
6. Students
7. Bursar

FACTORS BEHIND THE CHOICE OF FRIENDS AT SCHOOL

1. Common interest
2. Age
3. Religion
4. Sport
5. Home background
6. Truthfulness
7. Good character

TOPIC: FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN DAVID AND JONATHAN

David and Jonathan, the son Saul, king of Israel became friends after Goliath's defeat and death at the hands of David.

Jonathan was present when David was introduced to Saul. Jonathan loved David immediately. Saul, therefore, took David that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

Jonathan and David entered into a covenant. The strength of Jonathan's feeling for David was strong that he gave David his sword, armour and even the robe he had on.

Their friendship ended up causing a breach between Jonathan and his father Saul whose jealousy moved him against David. The friendship between David reflects what all true friendships should have-loyalty, sacrifice, love and common interests.

TOPIC: THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT.

A friend is someone who sticks with you in spite of the circumstances as we are told in proverbs 18:24.

Jesus illustrated this in Luke 11:5-13 by telling us a story of a friend who went to borrow three loaves of bread from his neighbor. He wanted to give them to a guest who arrived late to his house. He had nothing to offer the visitor. The neighbor told him not to bother him because he had shut the door. Moreover, his children were with him in bed. After persistent knocking, the neighbor rose up and gave him whatever he needed.

Jesus told us to ask, seek and knock. He gave us the assurance that whoever asks receives and he who seeks finds and he who seeks finds and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

Jesus went on to say that if we could receive what we ask from our earthly fathers, God the Father is no different. He is more than willing to give us what we ask from.

TOPIC: EFFECTS OF BAD FRIENDSHIP

IN 1Corinthians 15:33, Paul warned us against keeping bad company. Anyone who moves with lazy and idle people usually ends up being corrupted. Such a person loses his focus and direction.

The effects of bad friendship includes:

1. Moral corruption
2. Early death
3. Problems to the family and society
4. Bad name
5. Laziness

TOPIC: RELATIONSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE CHURCH

A community is specific locality, including its inhabitants. It is also an area with people living within it. They are linked in some way by language, religious practices or even connected politically.

Relationships in the community are on two levels. These includes

1. Formal Relationship: this exists between the traditional rulers or council of elders and the masses.
2. Informal Relationship: this exists between the masses in the community irrespective of age, gender, religious and political connections, class etc.

Relationships on both levels are carried out daily and are maintained by those concerned. The traditional rulers see to it that the community remains peaceful by punishing any act of disobedience and rewarding hard work.

HOW TO SUSTAIN RELATIONSHIPS IN THE COMMUNITY

1. Obeying and honoring those in authority as we are encouraged to do in Romans 13:1-7.
2. Loving one another and display such love to others, expecting nothing in return.
3. Respecting other people's views and religions as we have been encouraged to live peacefully with all men.
4. Punishing any act of disobedience and rewarding obedience and hard work.
5. Being generous to all.
6. Display of hospitality

These are achievable once those living in the community cooperate among one another and pursue a common goal.

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE CHURCH

The church is another community on its own but a spiritual one. The church is called the Body of Christ, therefore, those in the church are expected to have strong relationships among one another. The basis of such relationship is Love.

If you love someone, you will do all that you can not to hurt that person. This should be the case among Christians and between a Christian and God. Once there is love and it is shown genuinely, there is a strong bond of unity and peace. Once your relationship with a fellow Christian is strong, your relationship with those outside the church will also be the same.