

reality Relationships

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“A mistake we often make is that we
EXPECT to find our fulfillment in
people, places, possessions and position.”

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PEOPLE
We can't control them.

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PLACES
We get bored with them.

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POSSESSIONS
We never get enough of them.

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POSITION
We can never climb high enough.

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Love is patient and kind...
—1 Corinthians 13:4 ESV

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You are the principal character
in your own reality relationship series.

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When it comes to love and life—
Responsibility Issues

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I must accept and share the
responsibility for the health and
well-being of all my relationships.

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When it comes to love and life—
Expectation Issues

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I must expect more from
myself (in effort) than I do from
others (in response).

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Recover a Lost Word—Patience

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macrothumia, long fused

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“People who get angry quickly experience more arguments in their relationships, and their arguments continue 81% longer than people who remain calm.”

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Observations

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- reflects the character of God in me.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... —Galatians 5:22 ESV

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Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...

—Colossians 3:12 ESV

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- listens even when I know the answers and can complete the sentences.

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- allows others to learn from experience rather than coercing them to learn everything from my own experience.
- continues in prayer when things look bad and hope seems gone.

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Patience is not passive. Patience is persistent progress in constraining and controlling behaviors and responses that are destructive in my relationships with others.

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This love... looks for a way of being constructive. —I Corinthians 13:4 Phillips

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There are two kinds of people
on earth today;
Just two kinds of people,
no more, I say.

Not the sinner and saint,
for it's well understood,
That the good are half-bad
and the bad half-good.

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Not the rich and the poor,
for to rate a man's wealth,
You must first know the state
of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud,
for in life's little span,
Who puts on vain airs,
is not counted a man.

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Not the happy and sad,
for the swift flying years
Bring each his laughter
and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people
on earth I mean,
Are the people who lift,
and the people who lean.

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Wherever you go,
you will find the earth's masses,
Are always divided
in just these two classes.

And oddly enough,
you will find too, I ween,
There's only one lifter
to twenty who lean.

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In which class are you?
Are you easing the load,
Of overtaxed lifters,
who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner,
who lets others share
Your portion of labor,
and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "Which Are You?"

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"Assembly Required"

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Kindness

- Give up your place in line at the grocery store.
- Take a meal to a single mother.
- Take time to listen to people and catch up on their life, rather than just telling them how full yours is.
- Thank you notes
- Share an article or book.
- Give
- Smile
- Say “Yes” to VBS!

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He has told you, O man,
what is good; and what does the
LORD require of you but to do
justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

—Micah 6:8 ESV

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