

PathWay Fellowship

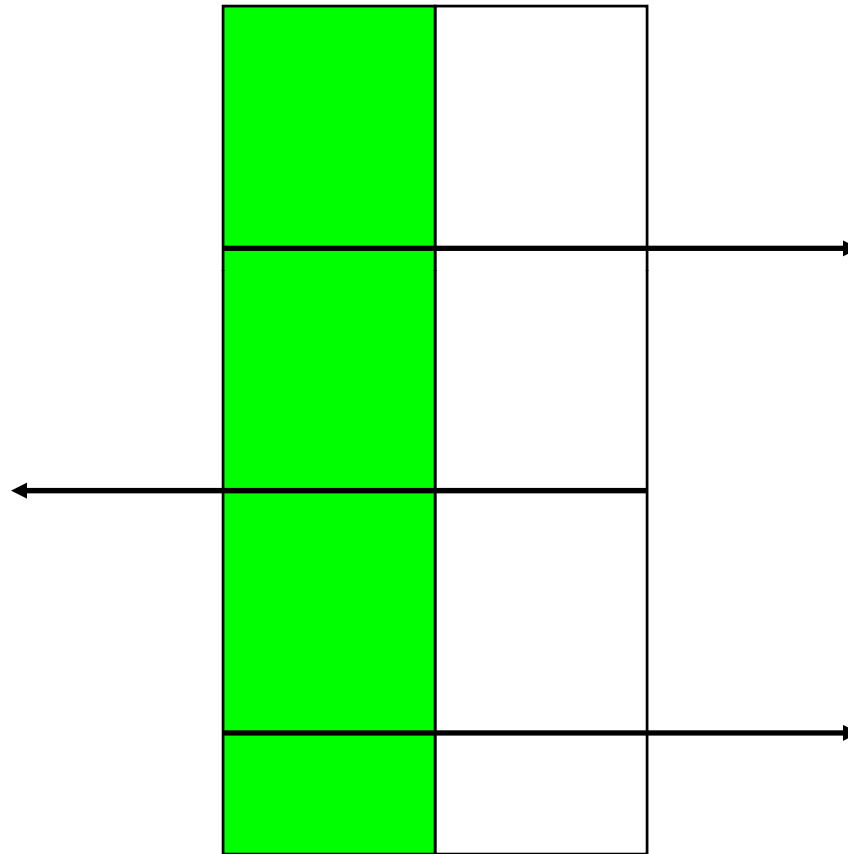


**We Must
Reciprocate!**

5 Aspects of a Successful Relationship

- A mutuality of interests;
- A strong attraction;
- Honesty;
- Loyalty; and
- Respect

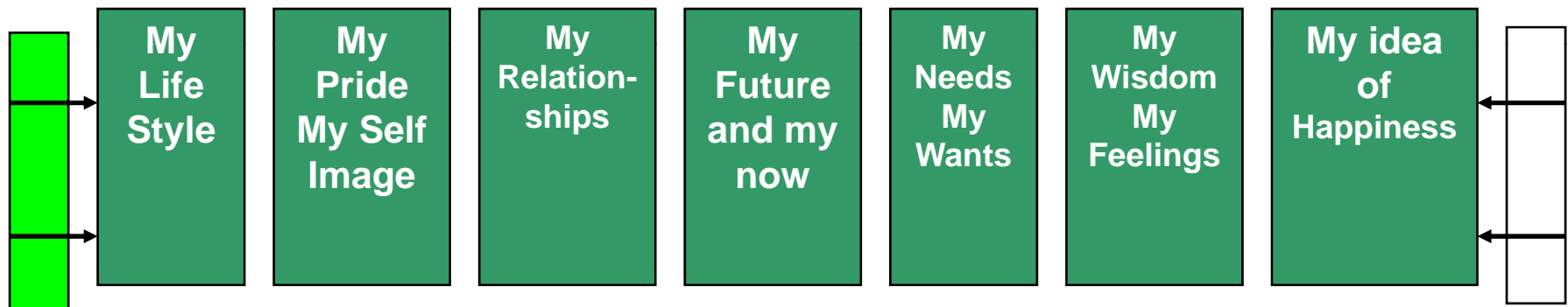
Oneness with the Lord



Virtually
unhindered
communication
which flows
back and forth

Non-Reciprocating Relationship

Many Obstacles to Communication



wrong belief -- unbelief -- wrong belief -- unbelief -- wrong belief -- unbelief

Proverbs 2:1-11

My child, *listen* to me and *treasure* my instructions. *Tune* your ears to wisdom, and *concentrate* on understanding. *Cry out* for insight and understanding. *Search* for them as you would for lost money or hidden treasure. Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

He grants a treasure of good sense to the godly. He is their shield, protecting those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of justice and protects those who are faithful to him. Then you will understand what is right, just, and fair, and you will know how to find the right course of action every time. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will fill you with joy. Wise planning will watch over you. Understanding will keep you safe.

Proverbs 2:1-4

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Proverbs 2:1

Listen and Treasure

John 6:63-64

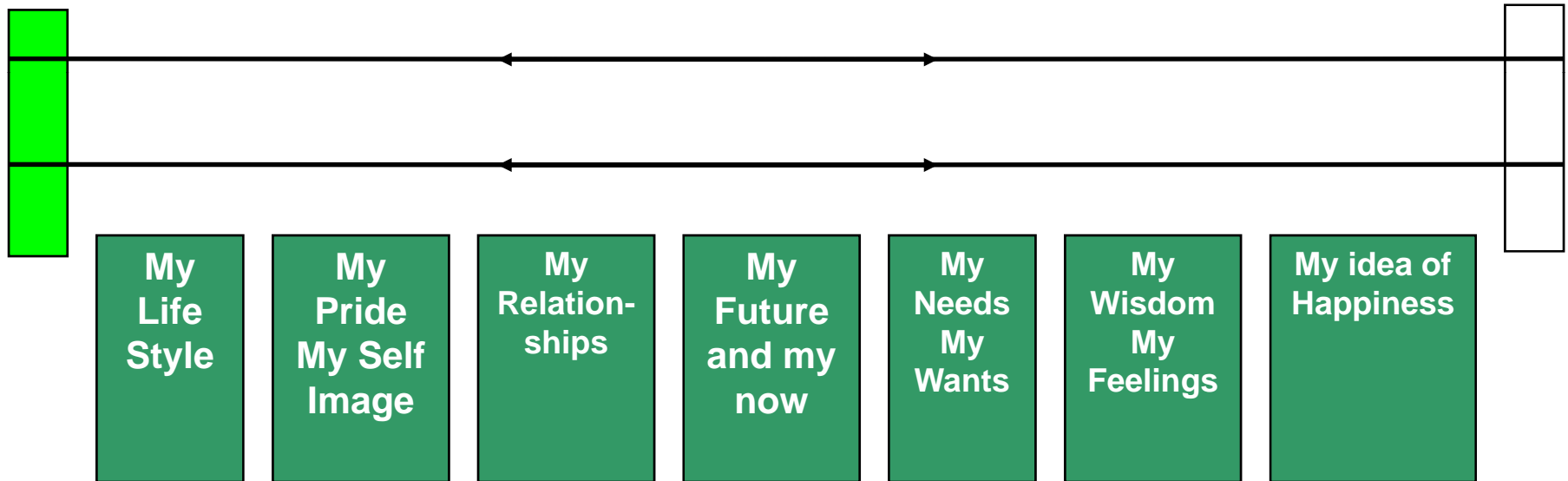
It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Proverbs 2:2

Tune Your Ears

Reciprocal Relationship

Clear Unhindered Communication



Proverbs 2:2

Concentrate on Understanding

Proverbs 2:3

**Cry Out for Insight
and Understanding**

1 Peter 2:2

You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

He Will Answer

1 John 2:27-28

But you have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you all things, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So continue in what He has taught you, and continue to live in Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

Proverbs 2:4

**Search for Them
(Insight and Understanding)**

If You Seek You Will Find

Jeremiah 29:11

You will seek me and find me when you **search** for me with **all** your heart

James 4:7,8

So, humble yourselves before God....**Draw close** to God, and God will draw close to you.

Even Solomon Searched

Ecclesiastes 1:12-13

I, the Teacher, was king of Israel, and I lived in Jerusalem. I **devoted myself** to search for understanding and to explore by wisdom everything being done in the world.

Ecclesiastes 1:16-17

I said to myself, "Look, I am wiser than any of the kings who ruled in Jerusalem before me. I have greater wisdom and knowledge than any of them." So I **worked hard** to distinguish wisdom from foolishness.

Our Reciprocity

Tune our ears:

We show a mutual interest

Receive His word and treasure His commandments:

We show a strong attraction

Cry Out:

We are being honest with God regarding our need

Search for insight and understanding

Show our loyalty to God and to His word

Concentrate on wisdom and incline our heart to understanding:

We show respect for His authority in our lives and we give Him the respect of listening to Him when He talks

Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom shouts in the streets. She cries out in the public square. She calls out to the crowds along the main street, and to those in front of city hall. "You simpletons!" she cries. "How long will you go on being simpleminded? How long will you mockers relish your mocking? How long will you fools fight the facts? Come here and listen to me! I'll pour out the spirit of wisdom upon you and make you wise.

"I called you so often, but you didn't come. I reached out to you, but you paid no attention. You ignored my advice and rejected the correction I offered. So I will laugh when you are in trouble! I will mock you when disaster overtakes you — when calamity overcomes you like a storm, when you are engulfed by trouble, and when anguish and distress overwhelm you.

Proverbs 1:20-33

"I will not answer when they cry for help. Even though they anxiously search for me, they will not find me. For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the LORD. They rejected my advice and paid no attention when I corrected them. That is why they must eat the bitter fruit of living their own way. They must experience the full terror of the path they have chosen. For they are simpletons who turn away from me — to death. They are fools, and their own complacency will destroy them. But all who listen to me will live in peace and safety, unafraid of harm."