

Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. *2 Timothy 2:22* 

## **Give My Relationships Success**

Talk about a tough task! Abraham told his servant, "Go to my country and find a wife for my son Isaac." And so the servant went. When he got there, he stopped by a well and prayed, "O Lord, give me success. The townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please may I have a drink,' she says, 'Drink and I'll give water to your animals too.' By this I will know that this is the one whom you have chosen for Isaac." (Genesis 24:12,14).

That prayer might sound a little crazy. But do you know what happened? The Lord answered the prayer! A woman named Rebekah came out and offered him and his animals some water to drink. The trip was a success! Wouldn't it be great if that's how it worked for you too? Wouldn't be great if you prayed, "Lord, please let the person of my dreams come up to me, offer me a drink of water, and then ask me on a date. Then I'll know that this is the one for me. Amen." and then it came true?

Don't underestimate the power of prayer when it comes to your relationships! At the same time, don't miss the point. The servant looked to the Lord to guide the search. So do we! In fact, the Lord has already given you wonderful guidance for your relationships. He says, "Flee the desires of your youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace."

It might seem like pursuing righteousness, faith, love, and peace would lead you in four different directions. But if you notice, they all lead back to one very loving God and his very powerful Word. First and foremost, the Lord wants to strengthen you in your relationship with him. That's the most important relationship you have! The Lord wants you to hear every day in his Word of your Savior's love for you which has forgiven your sins and filled you with peace that no other relationship can. These are blessings that you carry with you in life, in death, and into all your relationships.

Pursue the Lord in his Word. Speak confidently to him in your prayers. And like Abraham's servant, rejoice in the blessings and answers that the Lord provides!

## **Prayer:**

O Lord, give me success in my relationships. Help me to pursue the blessings of righteousness, faith, love, and peace which you provide. Amen.