

The **5** SOCIAL AREA of LIFE

Introduction to the 7 Areas of Life

- A. Scripture speaks to how we should live in all areas of life.
- B. We have identified seven general areas of life.
- C. These seven areas are listed in diagram 150-A of the [Victorious Christian Living Manual](#).
- D. The 7 Areas of Life are:
 - 1. Spiritual-our relationship with God.
 - 2. Psychological-our relationship with mind, will and emotions.
 - 3. Physical-our relationship with our bodies.
 - 4. Financial-our relationship with money and work.
 - 5. Social-our relationship with other people.
 - 6. Marital-our relationship with our spouse.
 - 7. Parental-our relationship with our children.
- E. As part of our 7 Areas of Life Training, we will look at the godly model for each one of these specific areas.

I. Definition

This area of life deals with a person's relationship with other people

II. Importance

God created us to live with one another. Even in heaven we will live with one another. Because of our spiritual identity in the body of Christ, we need to live together in love and harmony.

1 John 4:7

III. Godly Model

A. Attitudes Toward Others

- 1. A disciple sees others as important and essential.
 - a. A disciple sees himself as part of Christ's body. Romans 12:5
 - b. A disciple sees others as part of his own life. 1 Corinthians 12:18
 - c. What if a person says he has no need for anyone? 1 Corinthians 12:19-21

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2. A disciple thinks of others as more important than himself. Philippians 2:3-4
 - a. A disciple sees himself as a servant to others. Mark 10:43-45
 - b. A disciple loves other people. John 13:34-35
 - c. What happens when a person loves himself more than others? Matthew 16:25
3. A disciple does not judge others.
 - a. A disciple does not judge others because of their beliefs or actions. Romans 14:4
 - b. A disciple has an attitude of humility and is not judgmental when he sees a brother fall. Galatians 6: 1
 - c. What happens when a person judges others? Matthew 7:1-2
4. A disciple enters into relationships to give, not to take.
 - a. A disciple is complete in Christ and therefore does not try to get his or her value from others. Colossians 2:10; 1 Corinthians 13:5
 - b. A disciple gives life to others he or she has relationships with. John 15:13
 - c. What happens when a person uses relationships to get personal fulfillment? John 12:25

B. Actions Toward Others

1. A disciple cares for the needy.
 - a. A disciple is willing to give money to meet the needs of others. Romans 12:13
 - b. A disciple is not just aware of the needs of others but takes action to help them. James 1:27
 - c. What happens when a person ignores the needs of others? James 2:15-16
2. A disciple forgives others.
 - a. A disciple does not hold grudges but is quick to forgive. Ephesians 4:32
 - b. What happens when a person chooses not to forgive? Hebrews 12:15
3. A disciple respects all authority.
 - a. A disciple recognizes all authority comes from God and submits to it for the Lord's sake. 1 Peter 2:13
 - b. A disciple knows God uses authority to protect us. Hebrews 13:17
 - c. What happens when a person does not respect authority? Proverbs 28:4a
4. A disciple does not forsake the gathering of believers. Hebrews 10:25
 - a. A disciple is devoted to his brothers and sisters in Christ. Romans 12:10
 - b. A disciple shows hospitality to others. 1 Peter 4:8-9
 - c. What happens when a person does not want to be with other believers? Ecclesiastes 4:10b, 12

LOVING OTHERS MUST RULE THE SOCIAL AREA OF LIFE.

Galatians 5:14