

**A CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. Romans 12:1-2.**

- ❖ All our faculties must be offered to God and kept in the best condition.
- ❖ We must try to live in an impeccable and faithful way.

**B CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH CHURCH. Romans 12:3-8.**

- ❖ No one should consider himself superior to his brothers, because we are all part of the body of Christ.
- ❖ Each of us has a role within the Church, depending on the gifts we have received.

**C CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS. Romans 12:9-21.**

- ❖ The virtues Paul is listing in Romans 12:9-21 are an external result of genuine Christian love.

**D CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH AUTHORITY. Romans 13:1-7.**

- ❖ “We are not required to defy authorities. There will come a time when, because of our advocacy of Bible truth, we shall be treated as traitors; but let not this time be hastened by unadvised movements that stir up animosity and strife.” E.G.W. (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 3, sec. 6, “Our attitude toward the civil authorities”, p. 45-49)

**E CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAW. Romans 13:8-10.**

- ❖ Every God’s commandment is based on the principle of love. Therefore, the divine law cannot be kept by just an external fulfilment.
- ❖ True obedience has to do with the heart and the spirit. Keeping the law is not an external subjugation to it, but having sincere love.

**F CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECOND COMING. Romans 13:11-14.**

- ❖ Remembering that the Second Coming is near, Paul encourages us to leave any half-heartedness, indolence and own complacency behind. Paul encourages us to clothe ourselves “with the Lord Jesus Christ”; that is, to renew our relationship with Him every day.
- ❖ The Second Coming seems to take being longer than we expected, but that doesn’t mean that God’s Word has failed. There is a work to be done and there are conditions that must be fulfilled before Christ comes again. Meanwhile, every believer must experience a constant sense of the shortness of time and the imminence of Christ’s Coming.