

deep truths about the gospel, he sent his personal greetings to more than 25 individuals and the people associated with them. His co-workers joined him in sending their greetings. They obviously treasured the friendship of the saints. Priscilla and Aquila were not only friends of Paul but an outstanding couple, serving the Lord together. Their relationship must have been extraordinary, for they are always mentioned together.

Loving relationships! They enrich our individual lives. They encourage us in our Christian faith.

They make a house a home.

They vitalize our churches. Give yourself to developing loving relationships and you will be greatly blessed. --HVL

*Lord, teach us the secret of loving,  
The love You are asking today;  
Then help us to love one another--  
For this we most earnestly pray. --Anon.*

**If we fail to love at home, we fail to love.**



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# Central Mountains Baptist Church

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### **Information for Visitors.**

- \* We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.
- \* a Cubbies programme is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to Kindy age bracket.**

## Loving Relationships

**Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ, . . . to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches. --Romans 16:3-4**

A reporter .. quoted a young woman who said of her .. superstar father: "I don't know why he never spent any time with us. All we wanted him to do was spend time with us. He never liked us."

When the athlete was told what she said, he responded, "I don't know what she's complaining about. I just bought her a Mercedes last week."

He obviously didn't realize that a loving relationship has much more value than anything money can buy. This is true in every aspect of our lives. We need people far more than we need possessions.

The apostle Paul highlighted the value of relationships as he closed his letter to the believers in Rome (Rom. 16:1-16). After teaching them





# Our Home

## What Would Really Help at Home

We can discover what would really help in our homes by answering two questions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the right kind of people? Ephesians 5:33,

2:1-6, 3:14-21

**(Matthew 7:21)** *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."*

**(2 Corinthians 5:17)**

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*

**(1 Thessalonians 5:19)** *"Do not quench the Spirit."*

**(Matthew 6:15)** *"But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

**(1 Corinthians 2:14)** *"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

**(Romans 8:7)** *"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be."*

**(1 Corinthians 3:1-3)** *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. {2} I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; {3} for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"*

**(2 Corinthians 13:5)** *"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?; unless indeed you are disqualified."*

**(Psalms 26:2)** *"Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart."*

**(Lamentations 3:40)** *"Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD;"*

**(Galatians 6:3-4)** *"For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. {4} But let each one examine his own work, ..."*



2. \_\_\_\_\_ the right kind of person \_\_\_\_\_?

Ephesians 4:1-3, 29-32, 5:1-2, 22-29, 33

Ephesians teaches that there are two essential qualities that characterise the right kind of person:

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ actions

**(1 Corinthians 13:4-5)** *"Love ... {5} .., does not seek its own, ...;"*

◆ \_\_\_\_\_ words

**(1 Peter 3:3-4)** *"Do not let your adornment be merely outward; arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel; {4} rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God."*

