

The Spectrum of Biblical Relationships

Premature



Prepared

"...never awaken love before it is ready." Song of Solomon 2:7 (Proverbs 24:27)

Self-Centered



Sacrificial

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16-17

Sporadic



Fervent

"Concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more." 1 Thess. 4:9-10

Exclusive



Inclusive

"Jesus said to him....'The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.'" Matt. 22:39-40

Uncontrolled



Controlled

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." John 14:15

Impure



Pure

"For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world." 1 John 2:16-17

Self-Glorifying



God-Glorifying

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31