

TRADITIONS AS A GUIDE TO HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

1. *Our common welfare comes first. A healthy relationship depends upon unity.*
2. *For our family or relationship purpose there is but one authority, a loving God as He expresses Himself in our informed family conscience. Each partner is God's trusted servant – neither governs.*
3. *Two or more persons, when gathered together for mutual benefit, may call themselves a relationship. The basic requirements for a good marriage or relationship are a mutual desire to be in that relationship and a willingness to make it work.*
4. *Each partner should be autonomous except in matters affecting the other partner, the family or relationship, or society as a whole.*
5. *Each marriage or relationship has but one primary purpose, to serve as an expression of God's love.*
6. *A partner ought not be overly supportive spiritually, emotionally or physically to the marriage or relationship, lest problems of ego gratification divert him or her from the primary purpose.*
7. *Each partner ought to strive to be fully self-supporting: spiritually, emotionally and physically.*
8. *Our marriage or relationship should remain forever a free, giving relationship – one to the other.*
9. *A family or relationship should be pliable in its organization, but our group conscience may appoint certain persons responsible to serve various functions.*
10. *A relationship should avoid heated controversy.*
11. *Each partner best conveys his or her beliefs and philosophy by attraction rather than promotion. Anonymity is a valuable asset to the marriage or relationship.*
12. *Selflessness is a spiritual foundation of our way of life as marriage partners or friends, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities and the principle is unselfishness.*