

## Ephesians 3:16-17

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Today we are going to focus on relationships based upon today's devotional verses.

*“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love.”* (underlined for emphasis)

For those who are single, maybe you don't like the type of person that is attracted to you. An example would be for a lady, maybe guys that only want one thing (sex), have foul mouths, and drink all the time seem to be the ones who are attracted to you. Well, look at how you dress, or the things you post on social media or the way you talk and the places you hang out at. Could any or all of them be the type of lifestyle that attracts those types of guys?

What about you guys, are you so concerned with the outward appearance, getting buffed and having a nice fancy car, bling around your neck and on your fingers, so it seems the only type of girls that are attracted to you are shallow empty-headed ladies?

Well, in both cases for the guys and gals, those are all shallow empty things that do not keep a relationship alive and healthy. Because in a real relationship, when tough times come (And they will) your shallow outward appearance won't help when your kids, or a close friend, or when a family member is diagnosed with cancer. It doesn't help one bit when you both lose your jobs, and you can't pay the rent. It doesn't mean a thing if one of you is in an accident and the other is mangled up and can't walk or even eat without your help.

They say in order to find the person you want; you need to be the person you want. So if you want a shallow, empty, just playing around with as many guys or girls as I can, then be that person, and that's what you will attract.

But if you want a lasting, strong relationship, rooted and grounded on Jesus Christ, then you need to be that person, and you will attract the same type of person.

† **Ephesians 5:33** *Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

Now notice once again what I underlined in today's devotional verses:

*“the inner man”*

***“Christ may dwell in your hearts”  
“rooted and grounded in love.”***

and ask yourself, *“Is this what I am on the inside?”* If you are, then your outward appearance and the way you talk or the places you go will reflect that as well. And remember, you won’t find a man (or woman) of God in a bar or a club. And a man (or woman) of God will not be in a bar or club looking for you either.

† ***Romans 15:5-6 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.***