

*While a contract often protects my
good at others' expense, a covenant
promises the other party's good at my
expense*

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Many people approach relationships with a contract in mind. Contracts are understandably necessary in many business relationships. However, there is no place for contract in personal relationships. Take marriage for example, pre-nuptials have become almost commonplace in today's society. A prenuptial agreement is nothing more than a contract strategically designed to protect each party from the other. Rules, rights, and responsibilities are spelled out with penalties prescribed for any infraction.

God designed marriage, as well as other important relationships, to be birthed and maintained through covenant. Covenant is not a 50/50 relationship ... it is 100%-100% relationship. Each person is 100% responsible to do their part without respect to the actions of the other person in the relationship. Covenant is what God offered Abraham and what Jesus offers us today. Respect your covenant relationships ... God does.

Prayer for Today

Father, I want to be a covenant partner with You in making spiritual relationships which will last for eternity. Teach me about covenant and place the right people in my life. Give me the grace to value my relationships above what they can provide for me.

Scriptures for Today

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (KJV)

1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (KJV)