

\_\_\_\_\_ in Relationships (18:1-16)

A. The Bible presents relationships as a \_\_\_\_\_

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Level One: \_\_\_\_\_ Friends

Level Two: \_\_\_\_\_ Friends

Level Three: \_\_\_\_\_ Friends (v 1)

B. Be careful of the \_\_\_\_\_ which can \_\_\_\_\_ relationships (vv 1b-16)

1. In ability to value friends apart from \_\_\_\_\_ purposes (v2)
2. Inadequate \_\_\_\_\_ model (v 3)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ factor (vv 4-5; 6-16)

Value \_\_\_\_\_ Development (19:1-7; cf 2 Samuel 1:25-27)

A. Materialistically-based humanism says we are here to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_ theism says we are here to make \_\_\_\_\_ supreme in everything

# —Generations—

January 22

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Teen Years

Emerging Adults

**Generation X**

Boomers

Golden Years

Generation Z



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# Keeping the X-celence in X

1 Samuel 18:1-16

(This is the 3rd in a series of messages on Generations)

Sandwiched between 80 million baby boomers (born 1945-1965) and 78 million millennials (born post 1980), stands the 46 million **Generation Xers**, a group roughly defined as anyone born between **1965 and 1980**. It was Douglas Coupland, author of the 1991 book *Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture* who first coined the label. For Coupland, the letter “X” was meant to signify the generation’s random, ambiguous, contradictory ways.

X'ers feel they were born too late. They missed out on all the fun of the '60s: protests, sex, drugs, and rock 'n roll. All the good jobs are gone - taken by Boomers. They are facing rising costs, a declining standard of living, a polluted planet. Oh yes, they whine and complain a lot (at least according to Boomers). And they're supposedly less smart and talented than the older Boomers - declining SAT scores "prove" that.

Even though Xers can claim triumphs like Google, YouTube and Amazon, among others, some have called this the generation that is **“everywhere and nowhere in particular”**.

Xers have also been called the **“Slacker”** Generation for not exhibiting the same loyalty as Boomers have toward an organization. (Who can really blame them? Most left college at the height of a nasty recession and have watched their parents turn into workaholics, only to be downsized and restructured out of their chosen careers). However, Xers will work very hard for a job that they believe in, for something that challenges them. Perhaps this is the reason why Xers are more

actively involved in creating start-up companies, a rate about 3 xs as high as any other age group.

When it comes to spiritual matters, it is my humble opinion this passage of life (ages 30-45) faces **the** greatest risk. There are two primary reasons for this opinion.

## Introduction:

\* \_\_\_\_\_ tests your commitment to Christ

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\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ (of Failure & Success)

A. \_\_\_\_\_-based definitions of success and

failure border on \_\_\_\_\_

B. True success is laboring in God’s \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_