

God Uses Others in my Growth — How God Grows Us #4
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Independence from godly relationships is independence from God himself, because God is present in his Body.

1) Godly relationships connect me to **HEALTH**

Ephesians 4:15b-16 ^(NLT) ...Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.
¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

2) Godly relationships help me establish **PRIORITIES and BOUNDARIES**

Hebrews 12:11 ^(NLT) No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

Galatians 6:1-2 ^(NLT) Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.

3) Godly relationships allow me to experience
GRACE, FORGIVENESS & HEALING

- Our head gathers **INFORMATION**
- Our heart gathers **EXPERIENCES**

1 Peter 4:10 ^(NLT) God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

James 5:16 ^(NCV) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you.