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*“By wisdom a house is built,
and through understanding it is established;
through knowledge its rooms are filled
with rare and beautiful treasures.”*

Proverbs 24:3-4 NIV

Relationships were first established in a garden of perfection where trust, devotion, purity and loving companionship were never questioned – because there was no reason to.

There was first, a relationship with God the Father. His order and authority were established through daily communion and commitment. All things were right and unhindered. Second, the relationship from God to mankind was extended as an illustration of His desire for our total experience as His crowning creation – to love, to be loved and to complement one another through the experiences of life.

When the pure relationship with the Father was severed by sin, our world became a different place full of brokenness, including the way we relate to each other.

In an effort to rebuild that which was lost, the Lord grants us instruction through a life of faith.

THE PROVERB 24 PRINCIPLE FOR RELATIONSHIPS (PROV. 24:3-4)

Read these two verses and address the following questions:

If a relationship is a “house”, then on what principle establishes a strong foundation?

How can we exercise, in any relationship, discernment while making an effort to build back or restore whatever is broken?

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What principle establishes the working plan of the home according to **Proverbs 24:3-4**?

The word “established” in Hebrew means “to set in order something that is cluttered” or “to stand upright something that is fallen.” Explain the idea of “establishing the house” in a relationship.

In **Romans 12:18** Paul says to try everything we possibly can to live peacefully with everyone.

Where does this peace come from?

How can we demonstrate this kind of peace?

According to Proverbs 24:4 how do we fill our house with the essentials?