

# HOW TO DEVELOP LASTING FRIENDSHIPS

## Building Better Relationships - Part 4 of 6

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-10** "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; if one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up."

### TO DEVELOP LASTING FRIENDS:

1. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 18:24** "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

**Proverbs 18:24 (GN)** "Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers."

2. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 17:9** "He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends."

**Proverbs 17:9 (LB)** "Love forgets mistakes. Nagging about them parts the best of friends."

3. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 11:13** "A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret."

**Proverbs 16:28** "Gossip separates close friends."

4. I MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 27:5-6** "Better is open rebuke, than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted..."

**Proverbs 24:26 (GN)** "An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship."

**Three rules on how to be candid with friends:**

- **Compliment in public;** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Never rebuke a friend until you've proven that you are**  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- **Correct them when they are up** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 27:9** "... The pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel."

**5. I MUST BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 27:17** "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

**Proverbs 12:26** "A righteous man chooses his companions carefully."

**I Corinthians 15:33** "Bad companions corrupt good character."

**6. I MUST BE** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 17:17** "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."