

FORMING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS Stuff That Really Matters – Part 2

Proverbs 12:26 "A righteous person is cautious in friendship."

People You Should Not Choose As Close Friends

Proverbs 18:24 "These are friends who destroy each other."

1. People who _____.

Proverbs 20:3 "Any fool can start arguments. The honorable thing is to stay out of them."

2. People who _____.

Proverbs 20:19 "Stay away from gossips. They can't keep a secret, and they tell everything."

3. People who _____.

Proverbs 29:5 "Flattery is a trap. Evil people get caught in it, but good people avoid it and are free."

Proverbs 64:2 "They are friendly to my face, but they cursed me in their hearts, and they delight in telling lies about me."

4. People who _____.

Proverbs 22:24-25 "Don't make friends with a hot-tempered person, don't associate with anyone easily angered..."

5. People who _____.

Proverbs 1:13-15 "They say, 'Come on, let's take all kinds of valuable things. Let's fill our houses with stolen goods. Come join us. We'll share the stolen goods,' but do not go along with them and do not do what they do."

6. Believers who _____.

1 Corinthians, 5:9-11 "When I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin, I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, because you'd have to leave this whole world to avoid all of them. What I meant was, you're not to associate with anyone who claims to be a Christian and yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or abusive, or gets drunk. Don't even eat with such people. Why? Because they're a bad witness, because they are a bad representation of Christ."

Qualities To Look For In Close Friends

1. Friends who _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Encourage one another and build each other up."

2. Friends who _____.

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves you all the time, like a brother born to help in trouble."

3. Friends who _____.

Proverbs 13:20 "If you keep company with wise friends, you'll become wise, but if you make friends with foolish people, your life will fall to pieces."

Eight Building Blocks on How to Be a Great Friend

1. Be _____.

Proverbs 15:30 "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart."

Proverbs 15:26 "The Lord is pleased with friendly words"

2. Be _____.

Matthew 22:39 "The second greatest command in the whole Bible is this: Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

2 Corinthians 4:2 "We refuse to wear masks and play games, and we don't maneuver, we don't manipulate behind the scenes."

3. Be _____.

Philippians 2:4 "Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others and in what they are doing."

Proverbs 20:5 "A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out."

4. Be _____.

James 1:19 "Let everyone be quick to listen and slow to speak."

Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

5. Be _____.

Proverbs 18:24 "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother,"

Job 6:14 "A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty."

6. Be _____.

Proverbs 11:13 "A true friend will keep a secret"

Proverbs 11:13 "No one who gossips can be trusted, but you can put your confidence in someone who is trustworthy."

7. Be _____.

Proverbs 24:26 "An honest answer is a sign of true friendship."

8. Be _____.

Romans 15:7 "Accept each other just as Christ accepted you."

John 15:15 Jesus says, "I have called you my friends."