

FORMING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

Talking To Kids About Stuff that Matters - Part 2

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God said "It is not good for man to be alone!" Genesis 2:18

TYPES OF FRIENDSHIPS

- **Casual Friends** can be the result of _____
- But **Close Friends** should be the result of _____

Fact: The closer I am to a person, the greater they influence my life.
So, I need to CHOOSE my closest friends *wisely*.

"A righteous person is cautious in friendship, (because) the ways of evil people can lead them to do wrong." Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)

WHO NOT TO CHOOSE AS A CLOSE FRIEND

God says some people you should avoid: (a partial list)

1. People who _____
"Any fool can start arguments; the honorable thing is to stay out of them." Proverbs 20:3 (TEV)
2. People who _____
"Stay away from gossips- they can't keep a secret and they tell everything." Proverbs 20:19 (CEV)
3. People who _____
"Flattery is a trap; evil people get caught in it, but good people avoid it and are free." Proverbs 29:5
4. People who _____
"Don't make friends with a hot-tempered person. Don't associate with anyone easily angered, or you'll learn to be like them and not able to change." Proverbs 22:24-25
5. People who _____ Proverbs 1:13-15
6. Believers who _____ 1 Corinthians 5:9-11

QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR CORE FRIENDS

1. Choose friends who _____
"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonian 5:11
2. Choose friends who _____
"A friend loves you ALL the time, like a brother born to help in trouble." Proverbs 17:17

3. Choose friends who _____
"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." Proverbs 13:20

FACTORS FOR FORMING FRIENDSHIPS

1. **BE CHEERFUL:** _____
"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart." Proverbs 15:30 (NLT)
"The Lord is pleased with friendly words." Proverbs 15:26 (TEV)
2. **BE COMFORTABLE:** _____
Jesus: "The second greatest command is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself!'" Matthew 22:39 (NIV)
"We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes." 2 Corinthians 4:2 (Mes)
3. **BE CONVERSATIONAL:** _____
"Don't just think about your own affairs, but BE INTERESTED in others and in what they are doing." Philippians 2:4 (LB)
4. **BE CONSIDERATE:** _____
"Let everyone be QUICK TO LISTEN and slow to speak . . . "James 1:19
"Rejoice with those who rejoice. Weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15
5. **BE CONSISTENT:** _____
"There are 'friends' who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24 (LB)
"A despairing man should have the devotion of his friends, even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty." Job 6:14 (NIV)
6. **BE CONFIDENTIAL:** _____
". . . a true friend will keep a secret." Proverbs 11:13 (CEV)
"No one who gossips can be trusted . . . but you can put your confidence in someone who is trustworthy." Proverbs 11:13 (TEV)
7. **BE CANDID:** _____
"An honest answer is a sign of true friendship." Proverbs 24:26 (TEV)
8. **BE CHRISTLIKE:** _____
"Accept each other, just as Christ accepted you." Romans 15:7