

MESSAGE 2: FORMING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Parts 1-3

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." Prov. 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."
Prov. 20:3 (TEV)
2. People who _____
"Stay away from gossips- they can't keep a secret and they tell everything."
Prov. 20:19 (CEV)
3. People who _____
"Flattery is a trap; evil people get caught in it, but good people avoid it and are free."
Prov. 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." Prov. 22:24-25
5. People who _____ Prov. 1:13-15
6. Believers who _____ 1 Cor. 5:9-11

QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR CORE FRIENDS

1. Choose friends who _____
"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thess. 5:11
2. Choose friends who _____
"A friend loves you ALL the time, like a brother born to help in trouble." Prov. 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.” Prov. 13:20

FACTORS FOR FORMING FRIENDSHIPS

1. BE CHEERFUL: _____
“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart.” Prov. 15:30 (NLT)
“The Lord is pleased with friendly words.” Prov. 15:26 (TEV)
2. BE COMFORTABLE: _____
Jesus: “The second greatest command is this: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself!’” Matt. 22:39 (NCV)

“We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don’t maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes.” 2 Cor. 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.” Phil. 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.” Rom.12:15
5. BE CONSISTENT: _____
“There are ‘friends’ who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” Prov. 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.” Prov. 11:13 (CEV)

“No one who gossips can be trusted ... but you can put your confidence in someone who is trustworthy.” Prov. 11:13 (TEV)
7. BE CANDID: _____
“An honest answer is a sign of true friendship.” Prov. 24:26 (TEV)
8. BE CHRISTLIKE: _____
“Accept each other, just as Christ accepted you.” Rom. 15:7