

Godly Friendship

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Scripture References:

- Proverbs 17:17, *NIV*
- Proverbs 17:17, *NLT*
- Proverbs 17:17, *MSG*
- Ephesians 4:15
- 1 Corinthians 3:1, 3
- 1 Corinthians 3:1, 3, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:2-4, *NIV*

Summary:

Cultivating good relationships with others is impossible without having a good relationship with God and His Word, first. To be a good friend to someone else, we must base our friendships on the grace of Jesus Christ, not on the Law of Moses. Godly friends are a blessing; letting God teach us the lessons we must learn through spiritually mature relationships makes us powerful witnesses of His love.

Notes:

1. The kind of godly love we need is selfless, compassionate, and kind; this is uncommon. Love doesn't begin at marriage; it's a critical component of friendship, as well.
2. Characteristics of godly friendships include not expecting anything, compassion and kindness, forgiveness, rejoicing with each other, listening, carrying burdens, and praying.
3. Friendships and relationships are created by God for our benefit.
4. To maintain or re-establish friendships, we need to be willing to walk in unconditional love.
5. Having the same kind of love that God, Himself, has is the point where godly friendships begin. Agape love is based on nothing more than a decision to receive it and walk in it.

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