

Choose close friends who will:

1. Stimulate me mentally.

"He who walks with the wise will be wise." - Proverbs 13:20

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." - Proverbs 27:17

2. Support me emotionally.

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

"Bear one another's burdens." - Galatians 6:2

3. Strengthen me spiritually.

*"Spur one another on toward love and good works."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Building Friendships - Some Suggestions

1. Get interested in other people.

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

"An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends." - Proverbs 18:1

"Each of you should look not only after his own interest but also the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4

2. Be quick to listen and slow to speak.

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"Counsel is in the heart of a man like a deep well. But a man of understanding will draw it out." - Proverbs 20:5

3. Accept people unconditionally.

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

4. Stick with them in tough times.

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5. Share Jesus Christ with them.

*"Go back home and tell your friends how much God has done for you."
- Luke 8:39*

*Jesus says, "I no longer call you my servants...but I call you my friends."
- I John 15:15*



Redeeming Notes

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Genesis 2:18

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"It is not good for man to be alone." - Genesis 2:18

Types of Friendships

- Casual friends are the result of circumstances.

- Close friends are the result of choice.

Reality: The closer I am to a person, the greater the impact they will have on my life. **THEREFORE, I NEED TO choose my close friends carefully.**

Determining my Closest Friendships:

"A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kinds of friends he chooses." - Proverbs 27:19

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