

Growing in Godly Friendship

“A friend loves at all times.”—Proverbs 17:17

Friendship is a gift from God—and a calling. Scripture teaches us to choose our friends wisely and become the kind of friend who loves faithfully, speaks truth, offers encouragement, carries burdens, and points others toward Christ.

WHAT DOES A GODLY FRIEND DO?

Loves Faithfully ...

A godly friend remains loving through joyful and difficult seasons. She forgives, protects trust, shows honor, and considers the needs of others.

Read: Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 17:9; Romans 12:10–11; Philippians 2:4

Reflect: How can I show faithful love to a friend this week?

Encourages and Strengthens ...

Godly friends build one another up. They pray together, share burdens, offer wise counsel, and inspire each other to keep following God.

Read: Proverbs 27:9; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24–25; James 5:16

Reflect: Who needs encouragement, prayer, or practical help from me today?

Choose Relationships Wisely ...

The people closest to us influence our character and faith. Scripture calls us to pursue relationships marked by wisdom, honesty, peace, and a shared desire to honor God.

Read: Proverbs 22:24–25; Proverbs 16:28; 1 Corinthians 15:33

Reflect: Do my closest friendships help me grow closer to Christ?



Serves with Christlike Love ...

Jesus is our greatest example of friendship. He welcomed us, served us, shared truth with us, and demonstrated sacrificial love by laying down His life.

Read: John 15:13; John 15:15; 1 Peter 4:10

Reflect: What would Christlike love look like in one of my friendships?

Am I Godly Friend? Let's Check in ...

With God's help, am I becoming a friend who:

- ☐ Loves in every season
- ☐ Keeps confidences and protects trust
- ☐ Speaks the truth with kindness
- ☐ Listens with patience and compassion
- ☐ Encourages others in their faith
- ☐ Forgives instead of repeating offenses
- ☐ Prays for and with my friends
- ☐ Shares burdens and offers practical help
- ☐ Serves without expecting something in return
- ☐ Points others back to Jesus

One quality I want God to strengthen in me is:

A Friend I am Thankful For ...

Name: _____

What makes this friendship a gift:

One way I will encourage this friend:



A Prayer for Friendship ...

Father,

Thank you for the gift of friendship. Give me the wisdom to choose relationships that honor You, and the grace to become a faithful, encouraging, and trustworthy friend. Help me listen well, forgive freely, serve humbly, and speak the truth in love. Show me when a friend needs prayer, encouragement, or practical support. May my friendships reflect the love of Jesus and draw us closer to You.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

Scripture Map for Godly Friendship

- Love and unity: Psalm 133:1; Proverbs 17:17; Philippians 1:3–5; Romans 12:10–11
- Wisdom and trust: Proverbs 27:9; Proverbs 17:9; Proverbs 16:28; Proverbs 22:24–25; 1 Corinthians 15:33
- Encouragement and service: Philippians 2:4; Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24–25; 1 Peter 4:10; James 5:16
- Strength through community: Ecclesiastes 4:9–12; Matthew 18:20; Proverbs 27:17
- Jesus, our greatest friend: John 15:13; John 15:15

Take This Truth with You

A godly friend does more than walk beside us—she helps us walk closer to Christ.



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