

Building Strong Friendships

Three Basic friendships

- I. Friendship with the _____ (James 4:3-5)
 - A. Chasing the _____ of the world
 - B. Chasing the _____ of our heart
 - C. Using the people around you to _____ those pleasures and desires
- II. Friendship where two people _____ for each other (I Sam. 18:1-5; 41-42) (David and Jonathan)
 - A. They develop from a _____ with God
 - B. You _____ them
 - C. You care for the _____ of the person and not what they can do for you
- III. Friendship with _____
 - A. Because of Abraham's _____, he was considered a friend of God (II Chron 20:6-8; James 2:23)
 - B. God _____ to Moses as one who speaks to a friend (Exodus 33:10-12)
 - C. It starts by putting our _____ in Jesus our savior
 - D. It grows when we _____ to God and _____ his commands

Qualities of a good friend

- I. They value and display God's _____ in their life (Prov. 13:14; 20)
- II. They give us _____
 - A. Through _____ (Prov 17:17)
 - B. Many times, they are _____ than family (Prov 18:24)
- III. They give us good _____ (Prov 12:26; Prov 27:9; 28:23)
- IV. They are _____ (Prov 15:1; 18; 22:24-25; James 1:19-20)
- V. They _____ you (Prov 10:12; Prov 17:17; I Sam 18:1)
- VI. They want you to _____ and _____ in Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20)

Qualities of a bad friend

- I. They _____ (Prov. 16:28; 20:19; 26:20)

- II. Because they gossip, they cannot be _____ (Prov 24:21-22)
- III. They display _____ characteristics (Prov 23:20-21)

Questions to Ponder

- I. What kind of _____ do you have?
(Do they bring you _____ or _____ from God? – Prov 12:26)
- II. What kind of friend are you?
(Do they bring you _____ or _____ from God?)
- III. What _____ might you need to make to be a _____ friend?