

What the Bible Teaches About

FRIENDSHIP

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To cultivate healthy friendships ...

- 1. Make time for being together.**
- 2. Talk face to face.**
- 3. Work side by side.**
- 4. Share a meal at the table.**
- 5. Encourage from the heart.**

Sustaining Healthy Friendships

Various Proverbs

- 1. Close relationships are vulnerable to deep wounds that don't heal easily.**
- 2. Close relationships require ongoing care.**

A. Be peaceable, not contentious.

Proverbs 29:11

**“A fool uttereth all his mind: but a
wise man keepeth it in till
afterwards.”**

A. Be peaceable, not contentious.

B. Be considerate, not insensitive.

Proverbs 25:17

“Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbour's house; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.”

Proverbs 25:20

**“As he that taketh away a garment
in cold weather, and as vinegar upon
nitre, so is he that singeth songs
to an heavy heart.”**

Proverbs 27:14

**“He that blesseth his friend with
a loud voice, rising early in the
morning, it shall be counted
a curse to him.”**

- A. Be peaceable, not contentious.**
- B. Be considerate, not insensitive.**
- C. Be encouraging, not critical or condescending.**

Proverbs 27:17

**“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man
sharpeneth the countenance
of his friend.”**

Proverbs 12:18

“There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.”

Ephesians 4:29

“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

- A. Be peaceable, not contentious.**
- B. Be considerate, not insensitive.**
- C. Be encouraging, not critical or condescending.**
- D. Be forgiving, not resentful.**

Proverbs 10:12

**“Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love
covereth all sins.”**

Ephesians 4:31-32

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”