

FOUNDATIONS FOR A GREAT YEAR

Proverbs 10:25 When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

Friends

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Why We Don't Have Friends

Wrong _____

_____ Experiences

Proverbs 18:1 Unfriendly people care only about themselves; they lash out at common sense.

What To Do About Friendships

_____ Important Relationships

Proverbs 17:17 A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?

12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Broken Relationships

Proverbs 18:19 An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city. Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.

Proverbs 27:6 Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable.

18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

From Harmful Relationships

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

2 Corinthians 6:14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?

15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

Some Meaningful Relationships

Proverbs 11:30 The seeds of good deeds become a tree of life; a wise person wins friends.

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

To Be A Godly Friend

Psalms 119:63 I am a friend to anyone who fears you— anyone who obeys your commandments.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Matthew 7:3 "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?"

4 How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye?
5 Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

_____ The Need For Friends

_____ People As They Are

_____ God To Use Your Friendships

John 15:13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.