

ICYMI: You Can Be A Good Friend!

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Job 42:7, *After the Lord had said these things to Job, He said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about Me, as My servant Job has. 8 So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to My servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about Me, as My servant Job has." 9 So Eliphaz... Bildad... and Zophar... did what the Lord told them; and the Lord accepted Job's prayer. 10 After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.*

1. A Good Friend Seeks RESOLUTION

Matthew 5:23, *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. 25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary...*

Colossians 3:12, *T*herefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

2. A Good Friend Is Trustworthy And HONEST

Matthew 5:33, *"Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ... 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'...*

Proverbs 18:24, *One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin...*

3. A Good Friend SERVES OTHERS

Matthew 5:38, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ ... 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.*

Ecclesiastes 4:9, *Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*

4. A Good Friend Pursues LOVE

Matthew 5:43, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you 45 that you may be children of your Father in Heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

Luke 6:31, *Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

5. A Good Friend Lovingly Speaks The TRUTH

Matthew 7:1, *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

Proverbs 27:5, *Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.*

Proverbs 19:20, *Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise.*