

# Culture Shock Week 5 Sunday Notes

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**Genesis 1:26**, *Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

**Genesis 2:18**, *The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."*

## Our Most Important Earthly Relationships:

- Your **PARENTS**

(Exodus 20:12)

- If You are Married - Your **SPOUSE**

(Ephesians 5:33)

- If You are a Parent - Your **CHILDREN**

(Psalm 127:3)

- Your **FRIENDS**

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

- Your **NEIGHBORS**

(Matthew 22:37-40)

## How to Build Great Relationships:

### 1) **PICK** the Right Friends

**Proverbs 12:26**, *The righteous choose their friends carefully...*

**Proverbs 13:20,\*** Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.\*

## **2) Be Dedicated and LOYAL**

**Proverbs 18:24,** *One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

## **3) Be Caring and KIND**

**Colossians 3:12,** *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

## **4) Be Private and TRUSTWORTHY**

**Proverbs 11:13,** *A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.*

**Proverbs 17:9,** *Whoever would foster love covers over an offense, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.*

## **5) Be Truthful and HONEST**

**Proverbs 27:5,** *Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses... 9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.*

## **6) Be Helpful and POSITIVE**

**Proverbs 27:17,** *As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11,** *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

## **7) Be Merciful and FORGIVING**

**Colossians 3:13,** *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*