

THE FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

What we know about friendships...

- We know friendships fill a universal
- We know bad friendships lead to
- We know good friendships provide a depth of _____
- We know developing friendships

Friendship Direction from God's Word

1. Develop a healthy _____

"For since we were restored to friendship with God by the death of His Son... So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God – all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done for us in making us friends of God." Romans 5:10a-11

"God...is the one who invited you into this wonderful friendship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." I Corinthians 1:9

2. Express what you _____

"[Jesus said] 'I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it – the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends.'" John 15:12-13

"I'm eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other." Romans 1:12

The depth of my _____ will determine the quality of my _____

What am I willing to sacrifice for a quality friendship!?

1. The Superficial - Pro.18:24 Col. 3:9 Pro. 10:9

2. My Time – Ps. 10:12 James 4:14 Matt. 6:27 Ps. 39:4 Eph. 5:16

3. My Pride – Phil. 4:6 “Do not be anxious about anything”

Pro. 16:18 “Pride goes before destruction”

Paul is describing self-centered anxieties and counter productive worries! Pride filters down into the core of worry and anxieties, revealing our lack of trust in God!

It is an over concern of ourselves, to exalt ourselves, to place ourselves above others, to hide our defects, and to pass for far more than we really are!

Pride is simply not being honest!

Name someone in your life you are willing to sacrifice for to become their friend?
