

Biblical Friendships

Proverbs

1. Friendships are _____.

In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."

C.S. Lewis

2. Friendships require _____.

- Proverbs 27:17 -
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 -

3. Friendships require _____.

- Proverbs 27:6 -

The bruises are those of a friend and are declared trustworthy means that they are inflicted with the good purpose of correction.

Longman

- Proverbs 27:9 -

4. Friendships can be _____.

- Proverbs 27:10 -

5. Friendships require _____.

- Proverbs 17:17 -
- John 15:13 -

A biblical friend is a friend like Jesus. If we need love, he is there. If we need truth or admonishment or forgiveness, he is there. He is faithful when we are not. Like Jesus, you are a pursuer. You are my best friend because you pursue... and that's what I need because I'm often too busy to be a good friend. If Jesus hadn't pursued me, I'd still be running the other way. So thanks for being Jesus for me.

Anonymous

FRIENDSHIP EXERCISE

Prayerfully, trust God that He will develop friends for you in the context of your life:

- Family -
- Church -
- Work -
- School -