

Godly Friendship

2 Corinthians 12:11-21

1. Godly friends **STRIVE** for **PEACE** despite conflict.
2. Godly friends acknowledge others' **GIFTEDNESS**.
3. Godly friends spend **TIME** together.
4. Godly friends are not a **FINANCIAL** burden.
5. Godly friendships **UPBUILD** each other in Christ.
6. Godly friendships encourage **REPENTANCE** and godly behavior.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are the qualities you would list as a good friend? How do your friends exhibit those qualities?
2. Is there a friend you are not at peace with? This week what can you do to promote and restore peace with that person?
3. What friend do you have in need? How can you be a friend in deed?
4. Is there someone who has something against you? This week go to that person and do what you can to be reconciled. Matthew 5:23-24 **"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."**
5. Do you avoid confrontation with friends? If so, why? How can you prayerfully do better living out Prov. 27:5-6 **"Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted"** (Prov. 27:5-6)
6. Recall a time when a friend personally pointed out your sin to you. What was your response? Ultimately, were you thankful for that rebuke?
7. Recount some of the ways you have seen Jesus be a friend to you.