

6 Steps To Healthy Friendships

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- Are they helping me be a better Christian?
- Are they pressuring me to do things I know are wrong?
- Do they honor and respect my parents' decisions?

2. Witness To Your Friends

- Stop pretending you are not a Christian
- Share what God has done in you and why you are different
- Speak with love for them, not yourself

3. Confront Friends About Spiritual Differences

- Evaluate yourself – don't be a hypocrite
- Acknowledge your own weaknesses
- For Christian friends, question their faithfulness to God

4. Establish and Communicate Personal Boundaries

- Speech - Movies and TV - Sexual Pressure in action and conversation - Negativity or Gossip - Alcohol - Illegal Drugs & Pharmaceutical Drugs

5. Reevaluate

- Reevaluate daily, weekly, and monthly
- Real "friends" show effort to respect your standards

6. Communicate inability to continue hanging out

- If there is no change they will be more harmful than helpful.
- Continue showing the love of Jesus, just don't hang out
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