

July 7th, 2024

Friending Your Oikos

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 Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

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 2Sam 12:1-13

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 Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

For The Discouraged:

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2. Be the _____.
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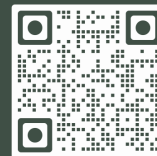
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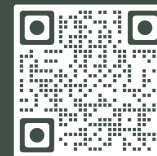
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- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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