



Proverbs 12:26

The **Righteous** choose their **Friends**
CAREFULLY!

LIFELONG FRIENDS

are hard to find and keep
but they're all worth the trouble.

-Adrian Pantonial

Abraham & Lot,

David & Jonathan,

Paul &

Barnabas & Mark

Paul & Luke, Paul & Timothy,

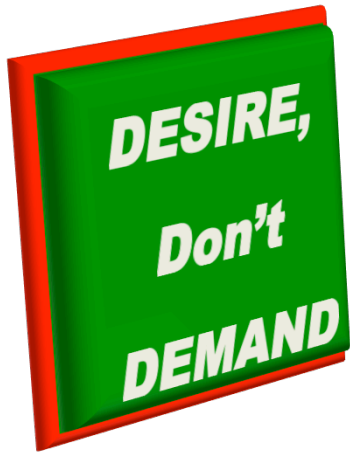
Peter & Mark

4 Bible Thoughts on Friendship

1. ONE person can **NOT** meet all of my friendship needs.

Proverbs 14:20 The rich have many friends.

2. Lifelong friends can be an **IDOL**.



*Samuel
& Saul*



4 Bible Thoughts on Friendship

3. Hold them **Loosely**, **Enjoy** them while you have them & let them go **Sweetly** / *Thess. 5:18 Mt. 13*

a. Reasons we **CLING**

i. Co - Dependent – Trying TOO hard to help (*Me*) → Hinder

ii. Abandonment

iii. Works orientation / False Expectations (*Me*) / I Cor. 7

b. Learn & Grow

4 Bible Thoughts on Friendship

4. You can **REQUIRE** what you **LIVE**

Proverbs 18:24

*A man who **HAS** Friends
MUST Himself be friendly,*

Learn & Grow



Last week

How to **START** a great Friendship using **Short courses**

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1. **Advice Requires Permission**

2. **Purposeful**

3. **Encourager/
Listener**

4. **Laughter**

Late addition



Rich, Fantastic start

The more you start the richer your life will be

3 more

5. Live a **STABLE** life.

“Faithful” over 200 times

Philippians 2:3

1 Thess. 4:11-12

**Calling vs. Fantasizing
Money or Ministry**

STABILITY



6. Loyal - Believe the Best of your friends

I Cor. 13:7 Love Always Trusts

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times.

Opposite of Critical / Feelings Hurt / II Cor.

II Cor. 2:3 - I had confidence in all of you

believe the best



7. Work through **Issues** - - - - - or **NOT!** (Major?)

- a. **Honestly, Humbly, GENTLY & Calmly** B & B
- b. **Quick** to **ASK** forgiveness & **GIVE** forgiveness.
- c. **Positive & Forward** Focused *Eph. 4:15 Speak the truth in love*



EVERY Healthy Soul hungers for **Lifelong** Friendships

God greatly wants to give us a **Rich** Soul
with **Wonderful Lifelong Friends**

Proverbs 14:20 The **Rich** have **Many** Friends.

Seeking

but

NOT Ready

to commit

Everything to Jesus

God please help me

Move On

from the

Past

Salvation

Ready TODAY

to give

Everything

to Jesus

You are my

Lord

and my Best

Friend

Sold Out

Jesus is our

Only

Reason

For Living

| Let Go

| Grow

| Upgrade

1 Minute - **DEBRIEF**

- Your ***Favorite*** pt. or what ***Helped*** you
- ***Prayers***



Seekers

&

Salvation



Pastor Johns
Personal testimony 2 cds