



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**.

DESIRE,
Don't
DEMAND

*Samuel
& Saul*



4 Bible Thoughts on Friendship

3. Hold them **Loosely, Enjoy** them while you have them & let them go **Sweetly** *I 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,



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



5. Live a STABLE life.

“Faithful” over 200 times

Philippians 2:3

I Thess. 4:11-12

Calling vs. Fantasizing

Money or Ministry

STABILITY



6. Loyal - Believe the Best of your friends

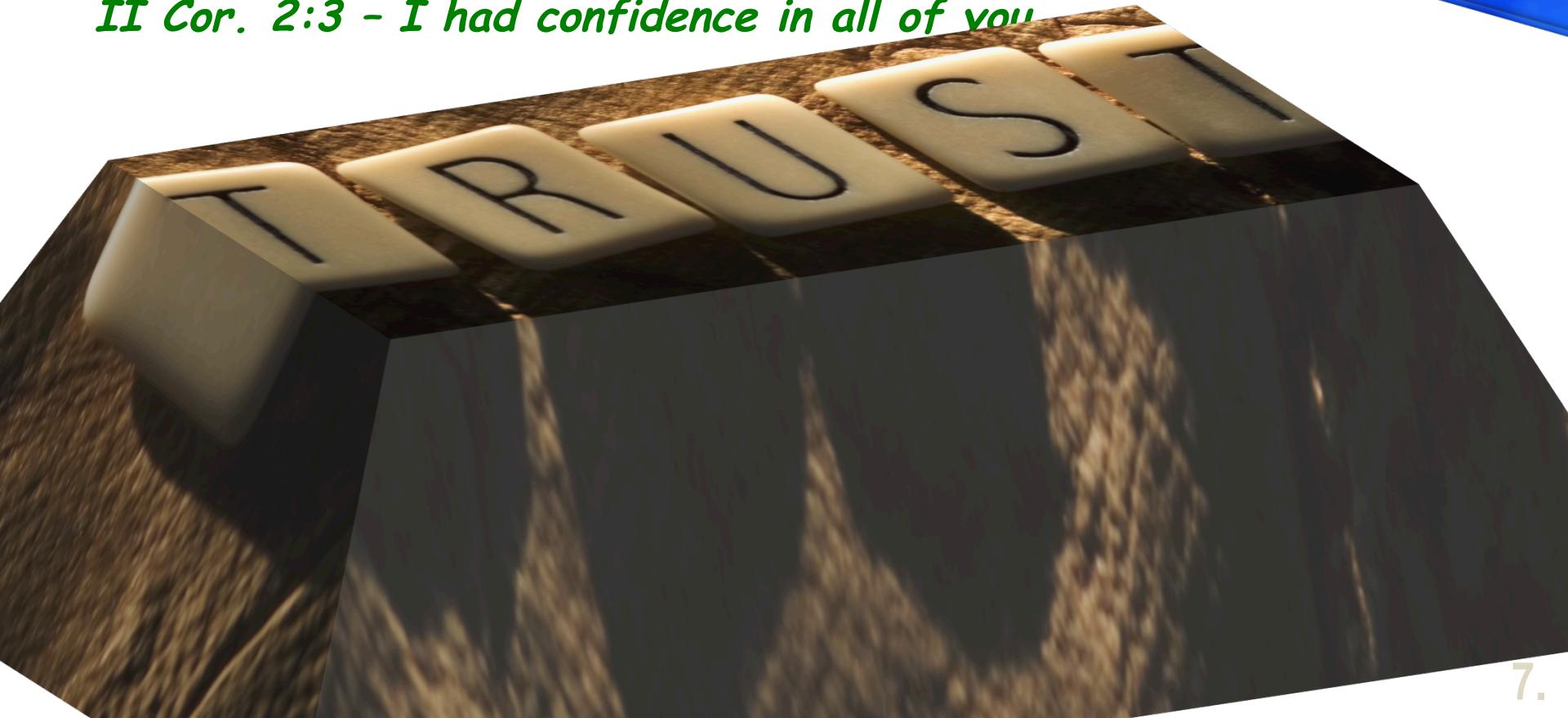
I Cor. 13:7 Love Always Trusts

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*



I THINK WE CAN WORK
THROUGH A LOT OF
THESE ISSUES.

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

I Let Go

I Grow

I Upgrade

1 Minute - DEBRIEF

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



Seekers & **Salvation**



Pastor Johns
Personal testimony 2 cds