

Friends

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Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

1. Friendship with God!

and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," and he was called the friend of God.

James 2:23

How to become a friend of God?

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8

The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

Psalms 145:18

2. Friendless.

You have removed lover and friend far from me; My acquaintances are in darkness. Psalms 88:18

How to avoid being friendless.

Unfriendly people care only about themselves; they lash out at common sense. Proverbs 18:1 (NLT)

3. Bad Friends.

If your very own brother, or your son or daughter, or the wife you love, or your closest friend secretly entices you, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods" (gods that neither you nor your fathers have known, [7] gods of the peoples around you, whether near or far, from one end of the land to the other), [8] do not yield to him or listen to him. Show him no pity. Do not spare him or shield him. Deut. 13:6-8 (NIV)

How to avoid bad friends.

Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NASB)

How not to be a bad friend.

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34 (NASB)

4. Good Friends.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; Romans 16:3-4

How to make and keep good friends.

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8 (NASB)

How to be a good friend. This is just like how not to be a bad friend just worded differently so I could talk more.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; Philip. 2:3 (NASB)