

Making A Fresh Start In My FRIENDSHIPS



Fresh Start Series – Part 5
Genesis 2:18. Proverbs 17:17
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John 15:13

13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. (NIV)



Genesis 2:18

18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." (NIV)



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1.1 Identify The Types of Friendships:

- Casual Friends are the result of Circumstances.
- Close Friends are the result of Choices.
- **Fact:** The closer I am to a person, the greater the impact they will have on my life.
- Therefore, I need to Choose Close Friends Wisely.



2.1 Must Determine My Closest Friendship.

Proverbs 27:19 ¹⁹A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses. (LB)



Proverbs 12:26

26 A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. (NIV)



**A. I Will Avoid People Who
Have Chosen To be:**

1. **Lazy**

2. **Angry**

3. **Immoral**

4. **Greedy**

5. **Unbelieving**



B. I Will **Select** _____ Close

Friends Who Will :

1. **Stimulate Me Mentally**.

Proverbs 13:20 ²⁰ He who
walks with the wise
grows wise, but a
companion of fools
suffers harm. (NIV)



Proverbs 27:17

17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.



2. Support Me Emotionally.

Proverbs 17:17 ¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.



Galatians 6:2

2 Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ. (NASB)



3. Strengthen Me Spiritually.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 ¹¹

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV)



Hebrews 10:24

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.



3. I Will Build Godly Friendships.

A. I Will Get Interested In Other
People.

Proverbs 18:24 A man *who has*
friends must himself be
friendly, But there is a friend
who sticks closer than a
brother. (NKJV)



Philippians 2:4

4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. (NIV)



B. I Will Smile, a lot.

Proverbs 15:13 ¹³ A happy heart makes the face cheerful, ... (NIV)



2 Corinthians 3:18

And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more. (NLT)

A group of ten people, five men and five women, are standing in a circle on a grassy field, holding hands. They are dressed in casual attire. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds. The text is overlaid on the image, with the top part above the people and the bottom part below them.

C. I Will Not Be A Chronic Complainer.

Philippians 2:14-15 ¹⁴ Do everything without complaining or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.



D. I Will Be A Good Listener.

James 1:19 ¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,
(NIV)



E. I Will Accept People Unconditionally.

Romans 15:7 ⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.



Proverbs 17:17

**17 A friend loves at
all times ...**



F. I Will Help People To Feel Significant .

Romans 12:10 ¹⁰ Be
devoted to one another in
brotherly love. Honor one
another above yourselves.



G. I will Sympathize,
Show Your Emotions.

Romans 12:15 ¹⁵ Rejoice
with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who
mourn. (NIV)



H. I Will Stick With Them In
Tough Times.

Proverbs 18:24 ²⁴There
are “friends” who pretend
to be friends, but there is
a friend who sticks closer
than a brother. (LB)



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

⁹ Two are better than one, ...

¹⁰ If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!

(NIV)



I. I Will Share Christ With
Them.

Luke 8:39 ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. (NIV)



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