

Godly Friendships

1. Examples from scripture, list characteristics of the friendships

- a. David and Jonathan, 1 Samuel 18:1–3
- b. Elijah and Elisha, 2 Kings 2:2
- c. Ruth and Naomi, Ruth 1:16–17
- d. Job's friends
 - i. Job 2:11–13—friends to to comfort him
 - ii. Job 16:20–21—friends pray for each other

2. Expectations of friendships

- a. List
- b. Do your actions match your expectations?
- c. Luke 6:31, do to others as you would...

3. Standards of friendship characteristics from scripture

- a. Fruit of the spirit—Gal. 5:22–23
- b. Love chapter—1 Cor. 13
- c. Love your neighbor as yourself
- d. Bear with and forgive/unity—Colossians 3:12–14
- e. Encourage each other—Eph. 4:29–32 vs. sarcasm and insults—1 Thes. 5:11, Romans 1:12

4. Jesus' example

- a. John 15:12–15—lay down life
- b. If you are my friend, do what I command

5. Scriptures about friendships:

- a. Prov. 18:24—friend who sticks closer than a brother
- b. 1 Cor. 15:33—bad company corrupts character
- c. Prov. 22:24–25—hot tempered/ association with, Proverbs 13:20—Walk with wise
- d. Prov. 27:5–6—accountability/ Proverbs 27:17—Iron sharpens iron
- e. Eccles. 4:9–10—two are better, fall, one can pick up
- f. Prov. 17:17—friend loves at all times