

Lesson Notes:

Being a Godly Friend

There is an old saying that a friend in need is a friend in deed. But as followers of Christ we are called to help the widowed and the needy. And to encourage each other in God's Holy word. Below are keys to being a Godly friend.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **A Good Friend is one who makes honest commitments, and acknowledges quickly when those promises cannot be fulfilled. – Proverbs 3:28-29; Proverbs 6:1-5**
- 2) **A good neighbor refuses to despise poor neighbors, but instead shows kindness to them. – Proverbs 22:9**
- 3) **A good and true friend forgives, and then lets the matter rest. He does not keep bringing up past failures. – Proverbs 17:14**
- 4) **A Good neighbor or friend is willing to share in one's adversity. - Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 27:10.**
- 5) **Good neighbors do not wear out their welcome by paying too many visits. Proverbs 25:17. – Solomon provides wise advice that is still relevant in this day.**
- 6) **A good friend will sing your praises to others. – Proverbs 27:1-2 – How many of us have friends that will sing our praises when we are not present? Are you a friend like that?**
- 7) **Friends can provide good counsel to others. – Proverbs 27:17; Proverbs 28:23. – This is true because he has his / her friends best interest in mind.**
- 8) **Finally, the best example of True Friendship is in Luke 5:17-20. – Jesus healed the lame man not because of his belief but because of the belief of his friends.**