

Friendship



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Two 3D rendered grey figures are shaking hands. The figure on the left is slightly taller and thinner, while the figure on the right is shorter and more muscular. They are both standing on a light grey surface against a white background.

- ▶ **A foundation for success**
- ▶ **A great skill**

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- ▶ **God's Kingdom is based on Relationship**
- ▶ ***Matt 22:37-39***
- ▶ ***Eph 4:16***

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A photograph of two women in white dresses holding hands, standing on a wooden floor against a light blue background. The image is slightly blurred and serves as a background for the text.

An inability to watch over, care for, value and nurture people places us under a curse

► **Gen 4:1-12**

- **Lack of Productivity**
- **Lack of Peace and Security**

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The Carnegie Technological Institute, "90% of all people who fail in their life's vocation fail because they cannot get along with people."

Getting the Church on Target, Lloyd Perry, Moody, 1977

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The basis of life is people and how they relate to each other. Our success, fulfillment, and happiness depends upon our ability to relate effectively. The best way to become a person that others are drawn to is to develop qualities that we are attracted to in others.

John C. Maxwell



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- ▶ **People add value to things;
things don't add value to
people**
- ▶ **Mark 8: 36,37**

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Two white, 3D-rendered human figures are standing and holding hands. They are positioned behind the text, with their bodies partially obscured by the words. The figures are simple, rounded, and have a soft, glowing appearance.

- ▶ **Raya – Phileo**
- ▶ **Prov 27:9** Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

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- ▶ **Prov 22:11 He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend. NIV**

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▶ Shared experiences.

- C.S. Lewis said – *'A friendship is born the moment a person says, 'What! You too!'*

▶ Kindness

- *A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered.* Charles H. Spurgeon

▶ Mutual respect

- David and Jonathan: **King David said of his best friend on his friend's death (2 Sam 1:26)** *I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women. NIV*

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- ▶ **Maintain trust**
- ▶ **Deal with problems quickly**
- ▶ **Extend Grace**
- ▶ **Seek to know one another**
- ▶ **Random acts of kindness**



God is a Friend



Q & A

1.

**What does “unconditional love”
really mean?**

Q & A

2.

I know God as saviour, as King and as provider, but I struggle to relate to Him as friend. Can you give me some advice?

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3.

I know friendships are very important in the church but how do I stay relevant to non-church friends and draw them into relationship?