

# HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS (What to Look for)

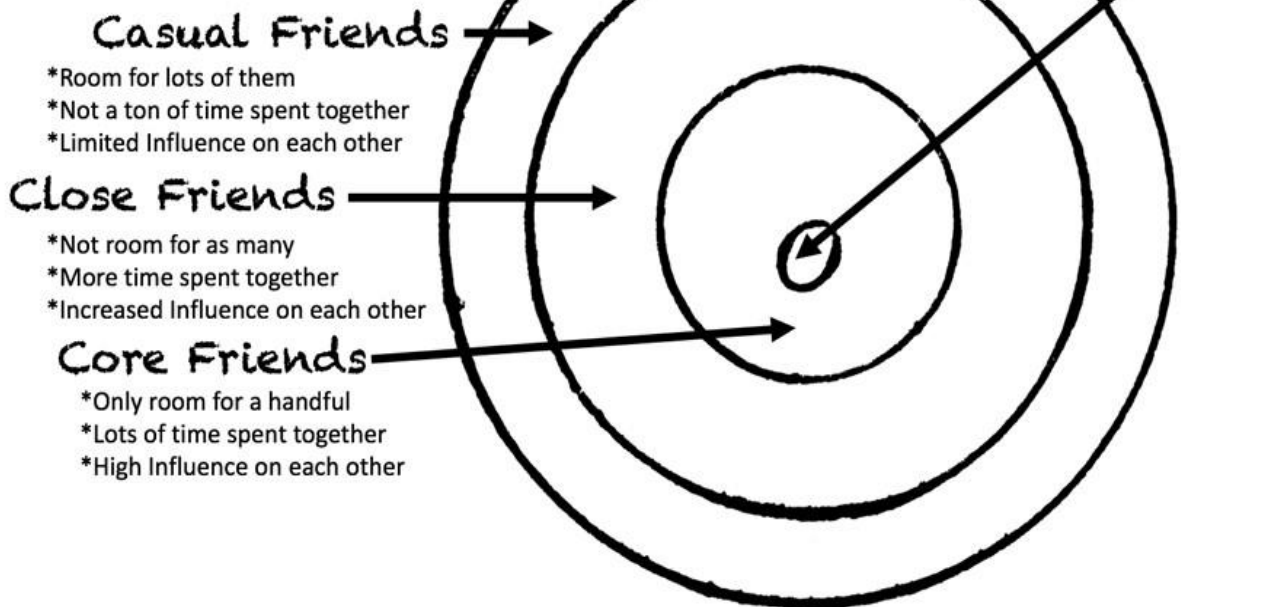
## *Teaching Kids Stuff that Matters*

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God said, "It is not good for man to be alone!" Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

### TYPES OF FRIENDSHIPS

#### MY CIRCLE OF FRIENDS...



- *Casual Friends* can be the result of \_\_\_\_\_
- But *Close Friends* should be the result of \_\_\_\_\_

**Fact:** The closer I am to a person, the greater they influence my life.  
So, I need to **CHOOSE** my closest friends *wisely*.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.” Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)*

**WHO *NOT* TO CHOOSE AS A CLOSE FRIEND**  
God says some people you should avoid: (a partial list)

**1. AVOID PEOPLE WHO LIKE TO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Any fool can start arguments; the honourable thing is to stay out of them.”*

**Proverbs 20:3 (GNB)**

**2. AVOID PEOPLE WHO \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“A gossip can never keep a secret. Stay away from people who talk too much.”*

**Proverbs 20:19 (GNB)**

**3. AVOID PEOPLE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS.**

*“Flattery is a trap; evil men are caught in it, but good men stay away and sing for joy.” Proverbs 29:5 (LB)*

**4. AVOID PEOPLE WHO CAN'T CONTROL THEIR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Don't make friends with people who have hot, violent tempers. You might learn their habits and not be able to change.” Proverbs 22:24–25 (GNB)*

**5. AVOID PEOPLE WHO \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"We will take all kinds of valuable things and fill our houses with stolen goods. Come join us, and we will share with you stolen goods. My child, do not go along with them; do not do what they do."* **Proverbs 1:13-15 (NCV)**

**6. AVOID \_\_\_\_\_ WHO SIN SEXUALLY.**

*"I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people."*

**1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NIV)**

## QUALITIES TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR CORE FRIENDS

**1. CHOOSE FRIENDS WHO ENCOURAGE ME \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."* **1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**

**2. CHOOSE FRIENDS WHO CONSISTENTLY SUPPORT ME**

\_\_\_\_\_!

*"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."*

**Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)**

**3. CHOOSE FRIENDS WHO \_\_\_\_\_ ME TO THINK!**

*"Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined."* **Proverbs 13:20 (GNB)**

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### **My Next Steps Today:**

- ✓ I will memorize **Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)**
- ✓ I am accepting Christ for the first time
- ✓ I am recommitting my life to God
- ✓ I want to join the New Life Church Family
- ✓ I will share what I know with a young person
- ✓ I will live by example

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