

New Friends

*"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a **brand new** person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 TLB*

*"The Lord God said, "It is **not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."" Genesis 2:18 NIV*

*"A mirror reflects a man's face but what he is really like is shown by the kind of **friends** he chooses." Proverbs 27:19 GN*

*"The righteous choose their friends **carefully**." Proverbs 12:26 NIV*

Unhealthy Friends:

✓ **Have unrealistic expectations**

✓ **Disrespect boundaries**

✓ **Bring out the worst in you**

*"Do not be misled: Bad **company** corrupts good **character**." 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV*

Healthy Friends:

✓ **Are unselfish**

*"**Serve one another in love**. The entire law is summed up in a single command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other." Galatians 5:13-15 NIV*

✓ **Are independent not co-dependent**

✓ **Challenge you to keep God's standard**

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward **love and good deeds**,"*
Hebrews 10:24 NIV

3 Possible Action Steps:

1. Let the friendship end.

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"
2 Corinthians 6:14 NIV

2. Lead the friendship to change.

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

3. Start some new friendships.

*"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a **friend** who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24 NIV*

*"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you **friends**." John 15:15 NIV*