

# AVOIDING THE WRONG FRIENDSHIPS



## **PSALM 41:9 KJV**

Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread,  
hath lifted up his heel against me.

# **DESCRIBE WHAT KIND OF FRIEND WOULD YOU WANT?**

We have to be careful who we choose as friends because one way or another they will influence us either for good or for bad.

## **TROUBLE BEGINS WHEN WE FORM THE WRONG FRIENDSHIPS**

1. The gossip
2. The quick tempered
3. The self indulgent
4. The immoral
5. The fool

## **WHAT CAUSES TROUBLED FRIENDSHIPS?**

The highest honor that can place upon a friend is to thank God for him.

1. Unwise choices.
2. Smothering relationships, not mutual giving.

## **BUILDING BLOCKS OF A TRUE FRIENDSHIP**

When one or more of these are absent in a friendship, the friendship will become broken and ultimately fail.

1. Time
2. Talking
3. Tears and laughter
4. Triumphs
5. Trials
6. Thankfulness through expression
7. Thoughtfulness
8. Tolerance
9. Touching
10. Transparent
11. Truthfulness

## HOW CAN WE DESTROY A FRIENDSHIP?

1. Selfishness
2. Manipulation
3. Possessiveness
4. Jealousy
5. Criticism
6. Explosions
7. Covetousness
8. Disloyalty
9. Dishonesty
10. Too busy to maintain the friendship

## HOW DO WE RESCUE A TROUBLED FRIENDSHIP?

1. We have to be open and honest about what is wrong.
2. We have to be willing to apologize.
3. We have to be humble enough to want to mend the relationship.
4. We have to be willing to put forth the time and effort to repair the relationship.

## WHY AREN'T I A GOOD FRIEND?

1. Do I feel worthy of a friendship?
2. Do I feel rejected?
3. Do I feel accepted by God?

