

CrossWalk **notes**

Perfect Partner

Perfect Friend

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How can I develop meaningful friendships?

⁹Whoever would foster love covers over an offense,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9, NIV

I know a friend will have my _____.

The Eighth Commandment

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but *defend* him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the *kindest* way.

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. **Ephesians 4:15, NIV**

¹⁰A rebuke impresses a discerning person
more than a hundred lashes a fool.

¹¹Evildoers foster rebellion against God;
the messenger of death will be sent against them.

Proverbs 17: 10-11, NIV

I can have _____ conversations with a friend.

I can _____ to a friend, even when it hurts.

¹²Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs
than a fool bent on folly.

¹³Evil will never leave the house
of one who pays back evil for good.

Proverbs 17:12-13, NIV

I also need to know when someone isn't my friend and
when to keep my _____.

¹⁴Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam;
so drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.

Proverbs 17:14, NIV

I need to know when my opinions are only _____.

My friends play _____, not _____.

¹⁷A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 17:17, NIV

A friend is there when I need him the _____.
_____ times forge and galvanize friendship.

Who are my 3, my 12, my 70?

MEMORY VERSE

¹⁷A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

Proverbs 17:17, NIV

My next step: What a friend we have in Jesus! He is the perfect friend who helps us in our greatest need. I will develop meaningful friendships by being a good friend.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.