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Proverbs 13:20 NLT

²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

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There is a huge difference between “friends” and “Friends”

Thinking Friends (Ideas & Questions)

Encouragement Friends (Build You Up)

Wisdom Friends (Judgement & Wise Counsel)

Spiritual Friends (Talk about your faith journey)

Fun Friends (Share Hobbies & Interests)

Proverbs 17:17 NIV

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

Steps to Recapture the Lost Art of Friendship

1. Show Up

Hebrews 10:24–25 NLT

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Where we are is often more important than what we say

2. Shut Up

Proverbs 12:15 NIV

¹⁵ The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

3. Speak Up

True friends hold us accountable for our actions

James 5:16 NLT

¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

4. Stand Up

John 15:13 NLT

¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

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1 John 3:16 NLT

¹⁶ We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.