

FIGHTING FOR AWESOME FRIENDSHIPS
“Bring a Friend Day”
The Spiritual Battle-series
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WHY YOU NEED AWESOME FRIENDS

- FOR _____.
Romans 1:12 (NCV) *“I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”*
- FOR _____.
Galatians 6:2 (NIV) *“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.”*
- FOR _____.
Genesis 2:18a *God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”*

The Golden Rule:

Matthew 7:12 *“Do for others what you would like them to do for you! This summarizes all that’s taught in the Law and Prophets.”*

6 GOLDEN RULES OF FRIENDSHIP

1. **INVEST THE _____**
Proverbs 18:24 (KJV) *“A man that has friends must show himself friendly.”*
Philippians 2:4 (NCV) *“Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.”*
 1. Deep friendships are not _____.
 2. Deep friendships are not _____.
 3. Deep friendships are not _____.

Friends— Show up!

2. **EARN THEIR _____**
Proverbs 20:6 *“Many people claim to be a friend, but it’s rare to find someone who is truly trustworthy.”*

You talk to acquaintances but you trust your friends.

---HOW?---

- **BY BEING _____**
Proverbs 17:17 (NCV) *“A friend loves you ALL the time . . .”*
- **BY BEING _____**
Proverbs 17:17 (LB) *“A true friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in a time of need.”*
- 1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB)** *“If you love someone, you’ll be loyal to them no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them, always expect the best, and always stand your ground in defending them.”*
- **BY KEEPING _____**
Proverbs 11:13 (CEV) *“. . . a true friend will keep a secret.”*
Proverbs 11:13 (TEV) *“No one who gossips can be trusted . . . but you can put your confidence in someone who is trustworthy.”*

**Anybody who gossips to you is gossiping about you.
Trust takes years to build and can be lost in one second of gossip.**

3. LISTEN WITH _____

James 1:19 "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Romans 15:2a (LB) "We must bear the burden of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others . .

4. ACCEPT THEIR _____

Romans 15:7 (NLT) "Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified."

Proverbs 17:9 "Overlooking a person's faults cultivates love; but nagging about them destroys friendships."

5. CELEBRATE _____ AND SHARE _____.

Romans 12:15 (NIV) "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

6. BRING OUT THEIR _____.

Proverbs 27:17 (CEV) "Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other."

Proverbs 24:26 (TEV) "An honest answer is a sign of true friendship"

A list of what awesome friends do :

- Awesome friends nourish your spirit.
- Awesome friends help you see the humor in difficulty.
- Awesome friends help you get unstuck and pull you out of a rut.
- Awesome friends encourage you when you're discouraged,
- Awesome friends provide a shoulder to cry on,
- Awesome friends revitalize your energy,
- Awesome friends share your burdens,
- Awesome friends lift your moods,
- Awesome friends help you face the unknown
- Awesome friends encourage you to trust God more.

Check which one you need to work on: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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"Love your neighbor as yourself."

4. You are to love other people the way you're to love yourself.
5. You are to treat them the way you'd like to be treated.
6. You are to be the friend that you'd like to have.