

IDEAS FOR STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FRIENDS

1. Friendship requires a commitment of time. Give it the priority it deserves.
2. Work harder at being open, honest and "transparent."
3. Go to mutually enjoyable events and activities together; go shopping or fishing, play golf or go bowling.
4. Invite your friend and their family to a backyard barbecue, coffee, etc.
5. Plan an outing with your friends where they will have an opportunity to meet other Christians from your church.
6. Take time to be a better listener. Listening is earning the right to be heard.
7. Give them a gift.
8. Talk freely about your faith and its meaning for your day to day life.
9. Create an atmosphere that invites questions.
10. Share some of your own past experiences and life situations.
11. Be sensitive to times of need, crisis, stress, etc. Be available.
12. Be complimentary as situations warrant.
13. Allow your friends to do kind things for you.
14. Remember a special event with a card or brief hand written note.
15. Try to better understand their actions and how they feel. Imagine yourself in their shoes.
16. Love them unconditionally in Christ and seek to serve them.
17. Pray for them regularly.

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