

Relationship Matters - 2

You were created for relationships

"God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalms 68:6 NIV

To build relationships that matter deeply, we must:

"The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 12:26 NKJV

1. BE COMMITTED.

"A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

Proverbs 18:24 NKJV

2. BE CONSIDERATE.

"He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:9 NIV

3. BE CONFIDENTIAL.

"A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter." Proverbs 11:13 NKJV

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

James 5:16 NKJV

4. BE CANDID.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17 NIV

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." Proverbs 27:6 NKJV

"An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." Proverbs 24:26 NIV

"An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips." Ephesians 4:25 NKJV

5. BE CONSTRUCTIVE.

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Proverbs 12:26 NKJV

"Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'" 1 Corinthians 15:33 NKJV

6. BE CONSISTENT.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity." Proverbs 17:17 NKJV

"Like a bird that wanders from its nest is a man who wanders from his place." Proverbs 27:8 NKJV