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## Holiday Prep

### “Friends Day”

#### ***How to be a True Friend***

***(...and have a better marriage and get along with family)***

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.” Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

#### ***5 Things I Can Do Today to be a True Friend***

##### **1. Be NICE.**

“What is desired in a man is **kindness**, and a poor man is better than a liar.” Proverbs 19:22 (NKJV)

“Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.” Proverbs 17:9 (LB)

##### **2. Try to BUILD UP the other person.**

“Therefore **encourage** one another and **build each other up**, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

“As iron sharpens iron, so a **friend sharpens a friend**.” Proverbs 27:17 (NLT)

##### **3. Speak THE TRUTH with a lot of love.**

“Instead, we will **speak the truth in love**, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.” Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

“An **honest** answer is a sign of true friendship.” Proverbs 24:26 (GN)

“An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips.” Proverbs 24:26 (NIV)

“**Faithful** are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are **deceitful**.” Proverbs 27:6 (NKJV)

#### **Good Guidelines for Correction**

1. Compliment in public, correct in private.
2. Correct when they're up, comfort when they're down.
3. Don't correct until you've earned it by showing you're open to correction yourself.

**4. BE THERE, SHOW UP and STAND UP for them.**

*"A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need." Proverbs 17:17 (NLT)*

**5. Be COMMITTED to their success in life.**

*"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)*

*"So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God." Romans 5:11 (NLT)*

*Keep the Conversation going...*

1. Think of the 5 people you spend most of your time with. How do they affect who you are as a person?
2. What differences have good friends made in your life?
3. What kind of friendship would you say that you have with Jesus? How can you grow that friendship?
4. What are some ways that you can strengthen your friendships this week?