



friendship

RESOLVING
FRIENDSHIP CONFLICT
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“My friend is the one whose need I can meet, not one who meets my need.” Gary Ingrig

Build friendship by . . .

- Connecting
- Communication





Healthy Friendship
will involve...

Conflict &
Confrontation

with the goal of
Resolution
(Reconciliation)

Prov. 27:5,6,17

5 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.



Healthy Friendship ASKS

1. Should Love Just Cover It?

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Proverbs 17:9

Whoever conceals an offense promotes love, but he who brings it up separates friends.



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2. Is my friend
caught in sin?

Toward God?
Others?
Me?

James 5:19,20

19 My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, 20 Consider this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover over a multitude of sins.



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2. Is my friend
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Galatians 6:1

Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.



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3. Is my heart and life in the right place with God?

Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge, or you will be judged. 2 For with the same judgment you pronounce, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye?”



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3. Is my heart and life in the right place with God?

Matthew 7:4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while there is still a beam in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.



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3. Is my heart and life in the right place with God?

James 1:23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.



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4 Key Questions

How are YOU?

How are YOU WITH GOD?

How are WE?

How can I HELP?



APPLICATIONS

Am I willing to resolve conflict in a Biblical way?