

Brand New Part One - New Friends

- **As a believer, we need new friends.**

2 Corinthians 6:14

Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness?

Galatians 1:10

I am not trying to please people. I want to please God. Do you think I am trying to please people? If I were doing that, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Things New Friendships Should Include:

1. Encouragement

Proverbs 27:9

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one's friend springs from his earnest counsel.

2. Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

3. Challenge

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. Companionship

Proverbs 18:24

Some friends don't help, but a true friend is closer than your own family.

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

5. Accountability

Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

6. Acceptance

Romans 15:7

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

7. Support

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

- **Sometimes new friendships are just old friendships done in a new way.**