

***You Can Develop  
Really Meaningful  
Friendships***

**Proverbs 17:17**

***Series: “Yes, You Can!”***

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**Proverbs 17:17 (CSB) - *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time.***

**1. Realize not every friend will become an intimate friend – one or two is about all you need.**

**Proverbs 18:24 (CSB) - *One with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.***

**2. Be cautious in the  
friends you cultivate.**

**Proverbs 12:26 (NIV) - *The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.***

**Proverbs 22:24 (CSB) - *Don't make friends with an angry person, and don't be a companion of a hot-tempered one.***

**3. Build friendships not on the prospect of personal gain, but on the bases of shared principles, loyalty, and careful self-disclosure.**



**Proverbs 19:6 (CSB) - *Many seek a ruler's favor, and everyone is a friend of one who gives gifts.***

**Proverbs 22:11 (CSB) - *The one who loves a pure heart and gracious lips—the king is his friend.***

**4. Ask for his advice,  
and listen to it.**

**Proverbs 27:9 (ESV) - *Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.***

**5. Make a decision to be loyal to your friends even when it's tough to do so.**

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**Proverbs 27:10a (CSB) - *Don't  
abandon your friend or your  
father's friend.***

**6. In your time of crisis,  
ask him for help.**



**Proverbs 27:10b (CSB) - *Don't go to your brother's house in your time of calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.***

**7. When confronted  
with his personal  
failure, choose to  
overlook it.**

**Proverbs 17:9 (CSB) - *Whoever conceals an offense promotes love, but whoever gossips about it separates friends.***

**8. Love him enough to  
confront him gently  
when he's wrong.**

**Proverbs 27:6 (CSB) - *The wounds of a friend are trustworthy, but the kisses of an enemy are excessive.***

**9. Enjoy your friends;  
laugh with them!**

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