

“Christians Help Their Friends”

We all want friends, and we expect them to help us. We can aid in this process by observing the Golden Rule and being a helping friend ourselves. **Today we will examine several ways we can help our friends.**

1. By _____. – Teach your friends what you know; reproduce what you are by modeling:

- The Christian life, especially in your attitude toward circumstances and others.
- **John Maxwell** says, “Your **attitude** determines your **altitude**.”
- **1 Corinthians 11:1**
- **Corinthians 11:23-33**.
- **2 Corinthians 12:10**
- **Philippians 4:11**
- **2 Timothy 2:3-4**
- **1 Thessalonians 5:22**
- **2 Timothy 2:22**

Another way we can help our friends is by being...

2. _____ of Others.

- Their **needs**
- Their **desires**
- **Psalm 37:4**
- Their **feelings**
- **Proverbs 27:**
- **Matthew 7:12**

A third way we can help our friends is by being...

3. _____ to our Friends.

- Stand by them in good times and bad.
 - **Acts 11:29-30**
- Do not gossip about them.
 - **Proverbs 16:28**
 - **Proverbs 25:9**
 - **Proverbs 25:18**
- Warn them of harm.
 - **1 Samuel 20:9** – [Jonathan said to David] *‘If I had the least inkling that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn’t I tell you?’*

A final way we can help our friends is by being...

4. _____. Give others of your time, talent or treasure.

- Jonathan gave David his royal robes, sword, bow and belt. – **1 Samuel 18:4**
- The Good Samaritan gave of his time to help the wounded traveler and of his treasure to provide for him at the inn. – **Luke 10:33-35**

To whom is God calling YOU to be a better friend?

To what is God calling YOU to do as a better friend?

Do YOU have a friend with a *Date with Destiny?!?*