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Want A Friend, Then Be A Friend Part II

In Part I, we focused on types of friends, and their qualities: *Fun Friend*, *Honest Friend*, *Wise Friend*, *Kind and Compassionate Friend*. Part II will continue the art of becoming a "Quality Friend." The last two types of friends are:

Wise Friend

Life is full of decisions. Some are simply concerning daily tasks and some are life altering. Having a friend who can give you Godly wisdom and truthful logic helps you to make those life choices with confidence. Also, having a stable person to bounce ideas and thoughts off of saves us from making irrational choices that can negatively affect us. There are so many lost souls in the world. If we would just look around our own neighborhood, we will find someone who feels lost and alone, and in need of a friend. Try winning that soul for Christ, and that soul will be forever indebted to you, hence becoming a friend.

Spiritual Friend

Last but certainly, not least, is the Spiritual Friend. While hopefully all our friends are spiritual people and seek to please God in everything, there is something to be said about the friend, who you know will give you sound spiritual guidance. Having someone in your life that you can call on at anytime knowing they will not just say they are going to pray for you, but will truly intercede on your behalf, is absolutely priceless.

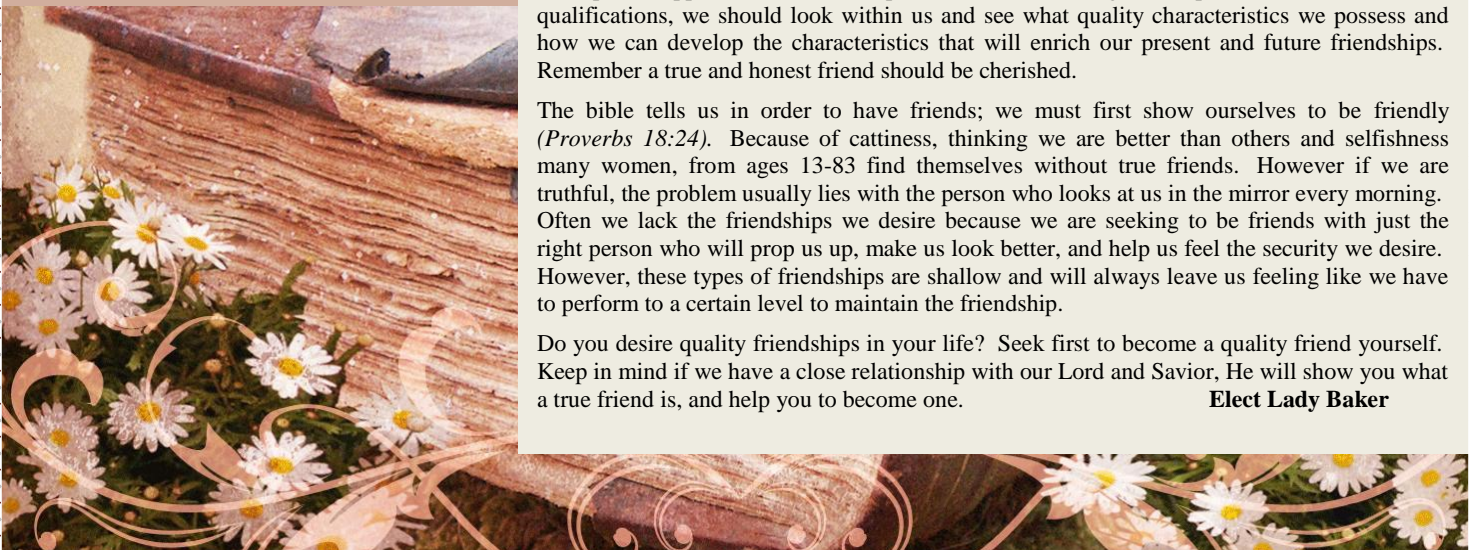
When we look at these friendship qualities, our first instinct is to immediately roll call our friends and see who is living up to certain expectations. However, instead of this being an outward exercise I would like us to turn the friend criteria list back to our selves. Of these incredible friendship qualities, which describes you? Are you the one who will rejoice with your friends over their blessings? Are you the friend who makes yourself available even when it is not convenient for you? Are you the one who will tell your friends the truth out of love?

Someone spoke of something their mother once told them. They said that before you start looking for "Mr. Right", you should start working on becoming "Mrs. Right." I believe this concept also applies to our friendships. Instead of searching for the perfect friend who fits our qualifications, we should look within us and see what quality characteristics we possess and how we can develop the characteristics that will enrich our present and future friendships. Remember a true and honest friend should be cherished.

The bible tells us in order to have friends; we must first show ourselves to be friendly (*Proverbs 18:24*). Because of cattiness, thinking we are better than others and selfishness many women, from ages 13-83 find themselves without true friends. However if we are truthful, the problem usually lies with the person who looks at us in the mirror every morning. Often we lack the friendships we desire because we are seeking to be friends with just the right person who will prop us up, make us look better, and help us feel the security we desire. However, these types of friendships are shallow and will always leave us feeling like we have to perform to a certain level to maintain the friendship.

Do you desire quality friendships in your life? Seek first to become a quality friend yourself. Keep in mind if we have a close relationship with our Lord and Savior, He will show you what a true friend is, and help you to become one.

Elect Lady Baker





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Lighthouse Outreach, Inc. Presents
"The Reality Show—The Summit 2010 Review"

The Reality Show, 2010 Summit sponsored by Lighthouse Outreach Inc, was held this year at Christ Church Ministries-39 Joynes Road in Hampton, Virginia. On August 6th, Friday night, teens and parents flooded the building with great expectation of having fun.

Friday's night event was called *"The Red Carpet Concert of the Summer"* which featured local and national recording artists such as *Sean Slaughter, the G.A.S. Band, and CMO.*



Each artist delivered a message of encouragement to uplift everyone heart and soul. There were also free food, give-a-ways, and a host of vendors for everyone to enjoy.



August 7th, Saturday morning's *"The Reality Topics for Students"* highlighted a student forum to discuss issues that concerned them, but from a reality show perspective. Guest speakers help facilitate the student forum which included: Morgan McCoy (Hampton University) who was the Abstinence Speaker, topic: Media Messages-"Paparazzi"; Yajaira Bisono-Mickles (Transitions Domestic Violence Center Services), topic: Healthy Relationships-"Bachelor and Bachelorette"; Terry Riddick and Randy Wilson (Best Kept Secret), topic: Conflict Resolution- "Survivor"; Alice Spence ,topic: Effective Communication-"Run's House"; and Ladelle Adams (Access Aids Care), topic: HIV/Aids- "Abstinence in the City". We are very grateful to all artists, performers, volunteers, and participants who help make this event a success.



A Day with God

When I wake and see the sun
 I praise God for what He has done
 He let me open my eyes to see
 Then He puts breath in me

Just for that, I give Him praise,
 And magnify Him in all ways
 It still gets tough throughout the day,
 But He already said He would make a way

When the day's trials and tribulations
 come about

I know my God will bring me out
 Just for that, I give Him praise,
 And magnify Him in all ways

As the day comes to and goes
 I thank God for being my friend
 Then I lay and start to pray,
 And tell Him all about my day

For listening, I give Him praise,
 And magnify Him all my days!

Sister Chelsey Chambers

"Jesus is always with us"
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Trust God

Mark 5:20-30 - And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?

Matthew 9: 22 - But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

About 5 years ago I was diagnosed with fibroid tumors that were giving me great trouble. A procedure was done to correct the issue, but I was told that for some the surgery worked and for others there could be reoccurring problems. After about 2 years, I began to experience problems again and this time my condition was worst than before. I was experiencing times of lightheadedness, weakness, and days and weeks of pain and discomfort. One day a visit to the doctor landed me in the emergency room where there was the possibility of an emergency surgery.

After taking my blood counts, the doctor informed me that my blood was too low for surgery, but not low enough for a blood transfusion. I was advised to return to my doctor that week for follow up and more than likely I would have to have surgery. After revisiting the doctor, it appeared that surgery was going to be the answer. My doctor wanted to schedule me for surgery as soon as possible, but my heart was not settled on surgery. *I trusted God and I believed that he could do what no other could do.* My faith was set on the fact that he healed the woman with the issue of blood and surely, he could heal me.

It Was So Strong In My Spirit. Therefore, by faith I reached out on what was in me and believed God for my healing.

Today I must say that my fountain of blood has dried up. I Praise God for His Mighty acts toward man. Now unto HIM (Jesus) that is able to do exceeding and abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

Faith is the power that **worketh** in us. I encourage you to let your faith work and watch God perform.

Evangelist Sherri Holley

May Faith look up to Thee! Faith is trusting in God when you cannot see Him; Faith that is not tested is a faith that cannot be trusted

Choose to Stop the Violence ~ Peace Begins at Home



Domestic violence usually happens in the privacy of one's home. It is a pattern of abusive behaviors used by one person intended to exert power and control over another in the context of an intimate or family relationship. It happens to people of all lifestyles, yet still it is often excused, denied, or overlooked, thus leaving lasting deep scars. Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretaker is the strongest risk factor of transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next. Boys who witness domestic violence are twice as likely to abuse their own partners and children when they become adults.

The bible declares in *Romans 12:18* that we are to strive to live peaceable with all men. However, we often see that this happen even between people who have vowed to love each other. Nearly 1 in three homicides in Virginia were related to family and intimate partner violence. It is a public health problem that exceeds \$5.8 billion each year \$4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health services. During 2007, service providers responded to 47,526 reported domestic

violence crises in Virginia. Nationally, statistics shows 1 in 4 women are victims of abuse at some point in their lifetime. Violence against men by their spouse/partners under reported due to shame or embarrassment, and 1 in 5 high school girls have been physically or sexually abused by a dating partner.

There is hope and help available. Some people need immediate crisis intervention safety planning emergency shelter or legal advice. Others need a non-judgmental listening ear or just to know that they are not alone and that others truly care about them and their safety/welfare. Transitions Family Violence Services has trained Hotline Advocates available 24/7 to handle crises. Call 757-723-7774 (local) or Virginia Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Action Alliance 800-939-8238 (state). Services include Emergency shelter, safety planning, viable options, Legal Advocates, Support Group and much more. No one should have to live in fear. What are you doing to make this a reality in the lives of your love ones?

Sister Richardson

Choose to Stop the Violence Starts with You

Normal or Nominal: Which One Are You?

No one can tell the difference anymore - it seems that everybody is a Christian. However, God never intended for His people to be ordinary, common, or nominal: "existing in name only, not real or actual." The "normal" church is to be a radical, living and moving organism that is very immersed in Jesus. So what makes the difference between being "normal" and nominal...between spiritual mediocrity and the true power of godliness? In Luke 9:23, Jesus says, "...*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*" The power of the cross makes the difference.

Jesus died in the Garden of Gethsemane when He said, "...*Nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.*" (Matthew 26:39); His work at the Cross is just the manifestation of that. The "normal" church is to follow no different pattern or way than that of Jesus. Colossians 3:5 exhorts us to mortify our flesh. This is not implying that we go out and break our bones or intentionally bleed profusely. It means that we, as the "normal" church are to die to our own agendas and our own wills. We must cease to run when and where we have not been sent. We must cease to attach God's name to endeavors that we have not even acknowledged Him in. We must decrease so that God may increase (John 3:30).

Let us look to Jesus as our example. When Jesus and the two men were crucified on the

Cross, they were crucified completely and entirely. Nothing was spared. The Roman soldiers did not cut off one limb, nail it to the Cross, and then get another limb and repeat the process over again. Nope. It was done all at once, not piece by piece. The same goes for us if we are to be a "normal" church: we must die. We cannot come to God on our own terms nor can we give Him what we want when and how we want to. God wants all of you. Sadly enough, the church is full of half-dead people who have been trying to slay themselves for years with no success...with no courage to strike the final blow. If we would just turn ourselves over to Jesus and let Him have His way, we would reach the expected end that Jesus promises us (Jeremiah 29:11).

John 12:24 reads, "...Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

The beautiful truth in the Crucifixion is that it did not last forever. Just as Resurrection followed the Crucifixion, life will follow our death. Blessings will follow our brokenness. Power will follow our purification. Realize that the wounds of the Cross is not about you; it is about what is connected to you. Consider your ways (Haggai 1:7). Is Christ in you concealed or revealed? Has your worship to God been reduced to a mere ritual or is it a all-encompassing reality? Are you "normal" or nominal?

Sister Jennifer Dilworth

Dinner on a Budget

Ready to make a meal that is delicious, nutritious, and budget friendly. Try the chop beef or turkey hash submitted by our very own **Sister Gibson**.



Chop Beef or Turkey Hash

Ingredients

1 ½ lbs of meat
6 white potatoes
1 green pepper
1 onion
1 Tsp garlic power
1 Tsp black pepper

Directions:

Season meat to taste and set aside. Take potatoes slice like chips not too thin and season. Put oil into pan while the pan is hot. Cook until brown, add onion and green pepper. Simmer until vegetables are soft, than add meat. Allow potatoes and meat to stick to the lightly. Serve with ketchup

Optional (peas and carrots or other vegetables you desire can be used with this recipe)

Night Under The Stars

Night under the Stars was the theme for this year's camping trip. On June 15, a group of youngsters boarded the church bus and headed to Newport News Park for an overnight camping trip. Upon arrival at the campsite, our young men learned how to work together to setup tents.



Following the tent setup, the young people created signs to display outside their tents. Other activities included games such as sponge relay, shark attack, capture the flag, etc...

While the young people were enjoying their activities, a chuck wagon meal was being prepared on the grill. At the conclusion of dinner, the campfire was started, and all gathered around the fire as a biblical campfire story was being told. The evening ended with marshmallows being roasted for smores. The young people turned in and played board games in their tents. The chaperones kept the campfire going, while playing dominoes and fellowshiping.

The next morning the youth went on a scavenger hunt, and enjoyed pancakes cooked over the open fire. We broke down the campsite and returned to the church. Night under the Stars was truly a blessing to all that attended. The Outreach ministry would like to thank the parents, young people, and all that helped to make this event a success.

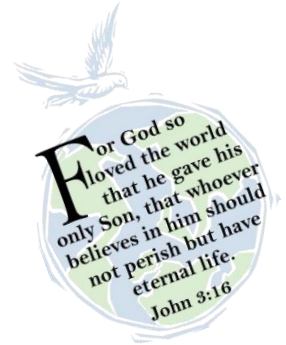
We are looking forward to camping under the stars again very soon.

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Worship Service Schedule

Sunday: Sunday School – 9:30 am
Morning Worship – 11:15 am

******Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Children's Church – 11:15 am******

Tuesday: Prayer – 12 noon (1st & 3rd),
Prayer – 7:00 pm (2nd & 4th)

Wednesday: Bible Study – 12 noon,
Christian Living – 7:00 pm

We invite you to come and fellowship with us

A warm welcome and a loving smile will greet you the moment you walk through the doors. You will experience anointed worship and hear an inspiring message from our Pastor that will bless you. We believe you will experience the touch of God's Holy Spirit and power as we worship.