



Uphill Habits – Pt. 6
Focus on Faithful Friends

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1. Understand the _____ of friends.

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV), “Iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Ephesians 2:19 (TLB), “Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.”

Psalms 68:6, “God sets the solitary in families.”

2. Avoid the _____ kind of friends.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (NLT), “Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?”

2 Timothy 3:4-5 (NLT), “They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV), “Do not be misled, bad company corrupts good character.”

3. Attract the _____ kind of friends.

Proverbs 18:24, “Friends come and friends go but a true friend sticks by you like family.”

1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB), “If you love someone, you’ll be loyal to them no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them, always expect the best, and always stand your ground in defending them.”

Matthew 7:12, “Do unto others the way you would have them do unto you!”

Proverbs 18:24 (KJV), “A man that has friends must show himself friendly!”

4. Be a _____ friend.

Proverbs 20:6, “Many people claim to be a friend, but it’s rare to find someone who is truly faithful.”

Philippians 2:4 (NCV), “Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.”

Ephesians 4:15 (NASB), “But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects to him who is the head, even Christ.”

Proverbs 24:26 (TEV), “An honest answer is a sign of a true friendship.”

Galatians 6:2 (NLT), “Share each other’s troubles and problems. In this way you obey the law of Christ.”
