

Six Friends Every Christian Needs

Based on a teaching by Nate Larkin

Who can you confess your sin or your struggles to? _____

Who can you celebrate with? _____

Christians Are Not Dependent, Nor Independent But **Interdependent**

Hebrews 13:17 (MSG) Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?

Who is alert to the condition of your life? _____

A New Look At An Ancient Scripture

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT) He (God) is the one who gave these gifts to the church: the APOSTLES, the PROPHETS, the EVANGELISTS, and the PASTORS and TEACHERS. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church until we come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ.

A Contrast In Friendships- David Vs. Samson

1 Who Is Your **Apostolic Friend**? Concerned With Life's Purpose

1 Samuel 16:13 (NLT) So as David stood there among his brothers, SAMUEL took the olive oil he had brought and poured it on David's head. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him from that day on.

Who calls you to your purpose? _____

2 Who's Your **Prophetic Friend**? Concerned with what God wants

2 Samuel 12:7 (NLT) Then NATHAN said to David, "You are that man! The LORD, the God of Israel, says, I anointed you king of Israel and saved you"

Who spoils your party? _____

#3 Who's Your **Evangelistic Friend**? Concerned with others

1 Chronicles 11:6 (NLT2) David said to his troops, "Whoever is first to attack the Jebusites will become the commander of my armies!" And **JOAB**, the son of David's sister Zeruiah, was first to attack, so he became the commander of David's armies.

Who widens your circles? _____

4 Who's Your **Pastoral Friend**? Concerned with how you are

1 Samuel 23:16 (NLT) JONATHAN went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.

Who cares for your soul? _____

5 Who's Your **Teacher Friend**? Concerned with teaching you truth

1 Chronicles 15:11-13 (NLT) David summoned the priests, ZADOK and Abiathar, ...Because you Levites did not carry the Ark the first time, the anger of the LORD our God burst out against us. We failed to ask God how to move it in the proper way."

Who brings understanding? _____

#6 Who's Your **Companion Friend**? Concerned with being there

1 Chronicles 11:24-25 (NLT) These are some of the deeds that made BENAIAH as famous ... And David made him commander of his bodyguard.

Who sticks closer than a brother or sister? _____

Be Deliberate About Building A Team

You have to be in enough relationship with these men and women that they know you.

1- Ask God to help you find these 6 friends _____

2- Who gives you life and can be trusted? _____

3- Contact them this week

Which of these roles do you fulfill for someone else?

Galatians 6:7 (NASB) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.