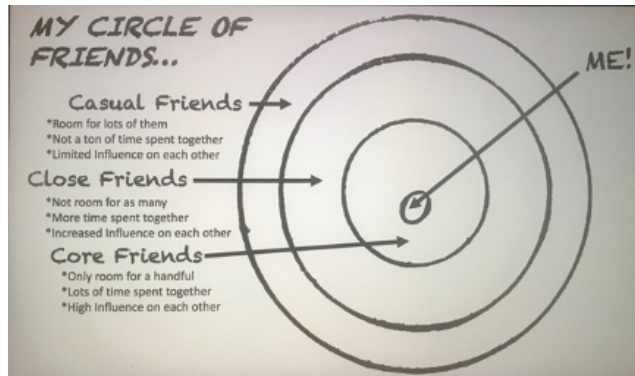


**THAT'S WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR IN LIFE, Part 2**  
**Sermon Series: I Am The Church**  
**Sermon Outline**  
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† Proverbs 12:26, "A righteous person is cautious in his friendships because the way of the wicked can lead the righteous to astray" (NET).

**My Circle Of Friends<sup>1</sup>**



**Eight Attitudes To Have to Form Core Friendships**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > Greet people with \_\_\_\_\_.

† Proverbs 15:30a, "A cheerful look brings joy to the heart" (NLT).

† Proverbs 15:26, "The Lord is pleased with friendly words" (TEV).

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_.

† Matthew 22:39, "The second greatest command in the whole Bible is this: Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (NCV).

• \_\_\_\_\_ people \_\_\_\_\_ people.

† 2 Corinthians 4:1, "We refuse to wear masks and play games, and we don't maneuver we don't manipulate behind the scenes" (MES).

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_.

† Philippians 2:4, "Don't just think about your own affairs, but be interested in others and in what they are doing" (TLB).

• The secret of making core friends is to be \_\_\_\_\_ in them, not \_\_\_\_\_ yourself.

† Proverbs 20:5, "A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out" (GNT).

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_ well and be \_\_\_\_\_.

† James 1:19, "You should be quick to listen and slow to speak . . ." (CEV).

<sup>1</sup>Kurt Johnston, Friends: Middle School Survival Series, p. 25.

+ Romans 12:15, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep" (ESV).

### How To Teach This Point To Your Children

- a. You've got to \_\_\_\_\_ attention and listening skills. Here are a few suggestions:
  - I. Do not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - II. Ask \_\_\_\_\_ for clarification and/or \_\_\_\_\_ what you think you have heard.
  - III. Maintain \_\_\_\_\_.
  - IV. Don't start \_\_\_\_\_.
  - V. Give \_\_\_\_\_ you are listening such as moving your head or saying, "Okay." Don't look at your watch or cellphone or fidget.
- b. You've got to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ your kids to their friends.
- c. Teach your children how to \_\_\_\_\_ in a godly way.

5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Proverbs 18:24, "There are 'friends' who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (TLB).
- + Proverbs 18:24, "One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (NIV).
- + Proverbs 25:19, "Putting confidence in an unreliable friend in times of trouble is like chewing with a broken tooth or walking on a lame foot" (NLT).
- + Job 6:14, "A despairing man should receive loyalty and devotion from his friends, even if he abandons the fear of the Almighty" (CSB).

6. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > Do not \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Proverbs 11:13, "A gossip tells everything, but a true friend will keep a secret" (CEV).
- + Proverbs 20:19, "A blabbermouth will reveal your secrets, so stay away from people who can't keep their mouths shut" (TPT).

7. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > Always \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Ephesians 4:15, "Speak the truth in a loving way so that growth in Christ is guaranteed" (PAR).
- + Proverbs 27:6, "Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy" (NLT).
- + Proverbs 27:6, "You can trust a friend who wounds you with his honesty, but your enemy's pretended flattery comes from insincerity" (TPT).
- + Proverbs 24:26, "An honest answer is a sign of true friendship" (GNT).

8. Be \_\_\_\_\_ > \_\_\_\_\_.

- + Romans 15:7, "Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory" (NLT).

- Where is the best place to learn the skills of learning to be a friend?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- + John 15:15, "I do not call you servants any longer, because servants do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends" (GNT).