

Living a fear-less lifestyle begins with great relationships.

I. Why you \_\_\_\_\_ awesome relationships (\_\_\_\_\_):

A. For spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

“When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.” Romans 1:12

B. For emotional \_\_\_\_\_

“Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

C. For better \_\_\_\_\_

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16

D. For social \_\_\_\_\_

“It is not good for the man (a person) to be alone.” Genesis 2:18a

“The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense.” Prov. 27:9

E. For relational \_\_\_\_\_

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. <sup>10</sup>If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

II. Three golden \_\_\_\_\_ of friendship:

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.” Matthew 7:12

A. Invest the \_\_\_\_\_

“There are ‘friends’ who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.” Proverbs 18:24

“Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” Philippians 2:4

B. Earn their \_\_\_\_\_

“Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable?” Proverbs 20:6

Three ways to earn a person’s trust:

1) By being \_\_\_\_\_

“A friend is always loyal.” Proverbs 17:17

2) By being \_\_\_\_\_

“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.” 1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB)

3) By keeping \_\_\_\_\_

“A gossip goes around telling secrets, but those who are trustworthy can keep a confidence.” Proverbs 11:13

C. Accept their \_\_\_\_\_

“Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.” Proverbs 17:9