

WHAT DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS AND WHAT BUILDS THEM?

Friendship First Part 3

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“That’s how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another. Rom. 12:5 (CEV)

1. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

“What causes fights and quarrels? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don’t get it.”

James 4:1-2 (NIV)

“Selfish people cause trouble.” Pr. 28:25 (CEV)

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“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others” Phil. 2:4 (NIV)

“The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others – and ignoring God – harvests a crop of weeds. All he’ll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, and eternal life.” Gal. 6:8 (Mes)

“Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness.” Gal. 5:16 (Mes)

2. _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

“Pride leads to arguments.” Pr. 13:10 (LB)

“Pride will destroy a person: a proud attitude leads to ruin.” Pr. 16:18 (NCV)

“First pride, then the crash – the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.” (Mes)

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“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

“...Be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves... your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God.” Phil. 2:3, 5-6 (NCV/NLT)

3 _____ DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

“To worry yourself to death with resentment is a foolish, senseless thing to do.” Job 5:2 (TEV) *

“Since my heart was embittered and my soul deeply wounded, I was stupid and could not understand.” Ps. 73:21-22 (NAB)

“Look after each other... Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.” Heb. 12:15 (LB)

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“You must make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Col. 3:13 (NLT)

“Once our lives were full of resentment and envy. But then... Christ saved us – not because we were good enough to be saved but because of His kindness and love – by washing away our sins and giving us the new joy of the indwelling Holy Spirit... all because of what Jesus our Savior did so that He could declare us good in God’s eyes.” Titus 3:3-7 (LB)

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

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