



## Part 1 – A Family of Friends

To have a friend is better than being alone because you will get more done. If you fall down your friend can help you up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help!

~ Proverbs 4:9-10

“All the lonely people. Where do they all come from?”

~ *The Beatles*

“The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.”

~ Mother Teresa

“The central difficulty in human existence is a condition where the deepest part of who we are is vibrantly attached to no one, where we are profoundly unknown and therefore experience neither the thrill of being believed in nor the joy of loving or being loved.”

~ *Larry Crabb, Psychologist*

“Relationship is the core of reality.”

~ *Dr. Dan B. Allender, Psychologist*

“Behind every question lies a better question, and ultimately every question takes the shape of a human face. Every problem in other words, has a relational root. The only real problem in the world is alienation, and the only cure is love. Questions are answered and problems are solved only as we come into right relationship with people. ... The answer to each problem is a person.”

~ Mike Mason

Practicing The Presence Of People

“A good friend will bail you out of jail. A best friend will be right there beside you, saying, “That was freakin’ awesome!”

~ Anonymous

Your relationships are like trees. For example, hard maples take a long time to provide shade but live a long time. Soft maples are quick to sprout but have less than a third of the life expectancy.... What are you planting, long term relationships that may not provide much fruit today but will yield an abundance of shade tomorrow, or quick results today that will soon wither and die?

~ Bruce Etherington

See the People

Someone may have many “supposed” friends and his or her life may still come to ruin but there is another kind of friend that sticks closer than your family.

~ Proverbs 18:24