

Building Friendships in a Social Media Society
Philippians 4:14-19
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Introduction

Consumeristic friendships:

Roman friendships: friendships based on usefulness

American friendships:

1. Consumeristic
2. Superficial
3. Common interest
4. Distant

Genuine friendships:

Qualities of genuine friendships:

1. Participation in the mess of life (14)
2. Faithfulness even when it was inconvenient (15)
3. Unconditional love in times of need (16)
4. Personal time (17)

Christ-centered relationships:

Qualities of Christ-centered friendships:

1. Spiritual focus (15/19)
2. Eternal focus (17)
3. Blessing focus (18-19)

➤ Goal: fruitful friendships

Philippians 4:14-19

¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.