

WORKING AT FRIENDSHIP PAYS OFF

Family Devotion – Lesson 54

MEMORY VERSE – PROVERBS 18:24

“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”

- A person that has friends is a person that is friendly. Some friends can even be closer than a member of your own family!
- Friendship is like a good plant; but it requires work and cultivation to make it grow.
- A good friendship is not one-sided, but two-sided. As with any relationship, it takes both parties to make it work. Working at a friendship will pay off in many ways:
 - 1) You will have someone to lean on in difficult times.
 - 2) You will have someone to encourage you to do right and live for the Lord.
 - 3) You will have someone to make great memories with.
- Here are some ways you can work on a friendship:
 - 1) Make and take time for a friend.
 - 2) Show an interest in the things your friend is interested in.
 - 3) Be kind and caring.
 - 4) Stand up for a friend and protect them.
 - 5) Encourage a friend when they are discouraged.
 - 6) Be honest and speak the truth in love.
 - 7) Pray for your friend.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How can you be more friendly to others?
- Have you ever let a friend down or has a friend ever let you down? Explain.
- Why is forgiveness an important part of having a good friendship?

PRAYER TIME

- Pray for God to help you be more friendly to everyone, even those who are not friendly to you.
- Thank Jesus for being your best friend.

CHALLENGE

- Make a new friend.