

GODLY FRIENDSHIPS **FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE SAINTS**

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

**A FRIEND OF GOD---ABRAHAM
A FRIEND OF JESUS---LAZARUS**

FRIENDS OF PAUL

PAUL AND BARNABAS

PAUL AND SILAS

PAUL AND JOHN MARK

PAUL AND TIMOTHY

PAUL AND TIMOTHY IN A MENTORING RELATIONSHIP

Acts 16:1-4 ¶ Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus, the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, and believed; but his father was a Greek: **2** Which was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. **3** Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek. **4** And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem.

**SAVED
SELECTED
STUDIOUS
SETTLED
SERVING**

AN EXAMPLE

Acts 11:25-27 Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul: **26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. **27 ¶** And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch.

AN EXHORTATION

1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

1 Timothy 1:1-2 ¶ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is* our hope; **2** Unto Timothy, *my* own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

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- Someone to believe in you:
- Provides a role model:
- Promotes spiritual growth:
- Provides accountability:
- Is an Encourager:
- Available in times of crisis:
- Helps establish and achieve goals:
- Benefits other relationships in your life:
- Provides an opportunity to give back:

PAUL AND TIMOTHY A MINISTRY RELATIONSHIP

Philippians 2:19-22 **19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. **20** For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. **21** For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. **22** But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.

**AS A PARTNER
AS A PASTOR
AS A PROVIDER**

THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS---TWO BY TWO

Mark 6:7 ¶ And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

Luke 10:1 ¶ After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

THE EXHORTATION OF JESUS---MATT 28:18

PAUL AND TIMOTHY IN A MOTIVATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

2 Timothy 4:9-15 ¶ Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: **10** For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. **11** Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. **12** And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. **13** The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, *but* especially the parchments. **14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: **15** Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

PAUL NEEDED ENCOURAGEMENT

PAUL NEEDED EFFECTS

Job 6:14 ¶ To him that is afflicted pity *should be shewed* from his friend; but he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

Proverbs 17:17 ¶ A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

2 Timothy 1:16-17 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: **17** But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*.



CONSIDER WHERE PAUL WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT A TIMOTHY

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Phase One: Parenthood

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he addresses him as "my true son in the faith." (1 Timothy 1:2) We first meet Timothy in Acts 16 when Paul is heading out on his second missionary journey. He stops in Lystra to pick up the young disciple who accompanies him, assists him, and serves as a sort of apprentice under him. Timothy's biological father was Greek, but no evidence is ever given that he was a Christian. So Paul filled the shoes of a spiritual father to Timothy.

Phase Two: Pacesetting

The second phase of our ministry mentoring is pacesetting – being the example of what mature ministry looks like. In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he points out that, "*you know what I teach, and how I live, and what my purpose in life is. You know my faith, my patience, my love, and my endurance...*" (2 Timothy 3:10-11 NLT) Paul sets the pace with his life and challenges Timothy to learn by keeping up and emulating his lifestyle.

Phase Three: Partnering

Over in the book of Romans, there is a somewhat obscure reference that Paul makes to Timothy in chapter 16, verse 21, "*Timothy, my fellow worker, sends you his greetings.*" Timothy has gone from being a son to a student and now to being a colleague and a co-laborer. We spend plenty of time desiring and praying for more laborers, but perhaps not enough time investing in those with the potential to become our partners in the mission.