



Three Habits of Highly Effective Christians, Series, Part 3
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"...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

Godly Training Habit #3: Develop close Christian friendships.

Five Benefits:

1. Close Christian friendships become family – like relationships.

"They continued steadfastly in...fellowship...Now all who believed were together and had all things in common..." (Acts 2:42, 44)

2. Close Christian friendships help us during the difficult times of life and give us opportunities to do the same in return.

"Now all who believed were together and had all things in common and sold their possessions and goods and divided them among all as anyone had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

3. Close Christian friendships challenge us in areas we need to grow in.

"Faithful are the wounds of a friend..." (Proverbs 27:6)

4. Close Christian friendships faithfully remind us of what God's nature is like.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Eph. 4:32)

5. Close Christian friendships motivate us to think and do the right things.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good works." (Heb. 10:24)

How Do We Get Started?

- Prioritize time with other believers by joining a small group or finding some other way to consistently spend time together.
- Focus on giving friendship first, then receiving it.
- Let God grow the friendships, in His timing.