

SERMON OUTLINE

Cultivating Biblical Friendship

ECCLESIASTES 4:7-12

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- I. Five Ways to Cultivate Friendship
 - a. Be intentional: Proverbs 18:1

 - b. Be selective: Proverbs 12:16; 13:20

 - c. Be gracious: 1 Peter 4:8

 - d. Be committed: Proverbs 17:17

 - e. Be realistic

- II. The Source of Flourishing Friendship

- III. Next Steps
 - 1) Pray for friendship
 - 2) Take a step
 - 3) Be patient
 - 4) Never stop working on your friendships

BENEDICTION: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity...Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice." – Proverbs 17:17; 27:9 NIV