

The Resource Courses

Developing Friendships

Welcome To The "RESOURCE" Courses

Resources And Resource Training

From time to time you will discover that you will have special needs for resources to help you accomplish certain goals and meet certain needs. This section provides you with some additional choices and programs that you may wish to take advantage of. These resource materials are courses that help you and your friends add them to your studies. They are to provide you with explanations about how to use the resources, and to help you in areas where you feel you or your friends need additional help. You can skip any of them, add them as additional studies, or stop your other studies and spend time with them for a while.

Enhancing Your Studies

This group has four resources called, "The Lord's Prayer For Sharing Salvation," "Praying The Psalms," "Christian Fellowship," "Developing Friendships," and "Books, Prayer Studies, And Worksheets." These are resources that can help you and your friends in the future as you are going through the rest of your studies. They can assist you in getting help with the struggle you are having with "life" that you chose to work on in HELP eMagazine. And, they can help you have downloadable materials, as you start sharing with your friends.

The Lord's Prayer For Sharing Salvation

Being Prepared To Share Salvation

This course is provided for you to use to help a friend with getting their power life. It is a resource for you to study how to help someone become a Christian. It should be studied BEFORE you need to already be trained. In other words, it is important to involve yourself in this course so you will be ready when an opportunity comes your way.

Devotions With Jesus

A Spiritual Growth System

This course is a daily devotion program for new and mature Christians with mild to moderate life problems. If they are experiencing problems that aren't too severe or overwhelming and need spiritual growth, then Devotions With Jesus will provide them with a wonderful devotional study.

Rather than using a problem that is bothering your friend the most and helping them learn from it, Devotions With Jesus spends its time dealing with their relationship with Jesus. It deals with life and the general problems that typically come your friend's way. It addresses normal, everyday issues that they will face and helps them be able to win over them.

Christian Fellowship

Finding The Right Friends

This is a course that helps you and your friends make sure you find people who will be a blessing and a spiritual help to you. Most Christians meet in some small group, some Christian organization, or a church. However, you may come in contact with Christians as you go about the course of your normal life. It is vital that you and your friends be able to evaluate these people so you can decide how much of an influence you will allow them to have on you.

Finding The Right Church
The second aspect of this course is to help you or your friends find a church that will provide you or them with spiritual support. There are all kinds of churches and all kinds of congregations. It is VERY important that you or your friends find the kind of people, congregation, and church that help you or them to continue to grow and mature spiritually.

Developing Friendships

Finding Friends Who WANT Help
As you and your friends grow spiritually and start wanting to share some of the successes with others, you and they may want to start developing special relationships with those around you. This course gives you and your friends a way to go about your normal day and start developing new friendships with other people.

If you and your friends want to help others, it is a matter of you having a special love and purpose in your heart to help them. However, this study helps you find those who need help AND want help. Rather than just going about your day and ignoring the potential of developing friendships, you will be able to reach out to certain people and help them. Jesus will show you when to reach out, who to develop a friendship with, and what to say to them.

Praying The Psalms

Seeing How The Psalms Can Help
This is a course that is vital to you and your friend's relationship with Jesus. Talking to Him and Him talking with you is a part of the three keys to all of Christianity--Ask, Seek, and Knock (Mat 7:7-11). This study helps you be able to understand not only how to talk to your heavenly Father, Jesus actually uses it to give you valuable information and examples for what to pray, how to pray, and when to pray.

David, God's Master Prayer Developer
David was a man after God's own heart. His ability to pray was a work of art and an intimate communication with God. He would come to God with his problems and before the prayer was over, he would be praising God for the answer. God would respond to the beginning of David's prayer and David would praise God because of the truths God had just given him.

Healing A Damaged Heart
We all have wounds. Many of these wounds have been shut off from Jesus and even ourselves. Jesus knows they are there; but, we haven't given Him permission to deal with them. Time doesn't heal; it just buries the problem and obscures its influence from our mind. Our heart is still damaged; but, we often can't pinpoint the location of the pain.

In this course the Psalms are being used to bring all the past and present wounds before Jesus. Issue by issue they are being presented to Jesus so He can heal them. Every closed door is being opened and Jesus is being invited in. A request is being made to Jesus asking for healing for each damaged area. By the time the prayer is over, Jesus has healed that area and has supplied miracles in its place.

Prayer Illustrations And Examples
We have placed prayers that Jesus has helped us pray; they are presented under each verse and have expressed the issues from our heart. As we went down each verse, we read it and then Jesus helped us take the subject expressed and either put it in our own words or He helped us create a prayer on the same subject.

Allowing Jesus To Expand Your Prayers
We were using each verse so Jesus could help us look down into our own heart; He helped us see what Jesus was trying to deal with for that moment. If we came back and went over the same verses at another time, Jesus would probably lead us into writing down different prayer issues.

This course mainly has to do with Jesus helping you and your friends get the heart concerns that are buried there and bring them out before Him. When Jesus uses this procedure, it helps Him bring subjects expressed in the Psalms before you. It then encourages you to consider whether or not they express heart damage lodged in your heart. If you weren't allowing Jesus to use the Psalms, you might not ever think about praying for that particular subject.

Shape The Prayer For Your Own Needs
The words below each verse may or may not express your or your friend's individual situation. However, you can still use the example to show you how to develop your own prayer. Feel free to use this material in any way that is helpful to you. Even if it is a source for you to disagree with, it has served a purpose. Let Jesus use it or help you create one of your own for each Psalm. You will most likely find this system to be a real blessing to you. Jesus can use it to help you pray and then allow Him to talk back to you. Let Jesus heal, bless, and inspire you to a whole new method of prayer and meditation.

Downloadable Materials

Books, Prayer Studies, And Worksheets
This section gives you direct access to all the books, prayers, prayer studies, and worksheets provided on this website. They are in PDF format so you can download any of them. Many of these resources and materials are mixed into the pages of the courses. If you wanted to get a copy, it can often be difficult remembering were you saw it. This section makes it possible for you to come here and get any books, prayers, prayer studies, or worksheets you need.

Books For Successful Living
Jesus has helped us provide a series of ten books that start with "The Jesus Life" and then take you into nine other books that help you start living that life. They are presented in a progressive system of spiritual growth that helps you and Jesus work, live, and help others together. They deal with The Six Biblical Principles, God's power attitudes, the reasons why we lack the power to live like we know we should, and many other issues. They are arranged in such a way that each book builds on the previous one.

The Textbook Chapter One For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day One

Welcome To Friendship Development Instructions

Making New Friends

If you are having a difficult time developing new friendships so you can have someone to mentor or so you can add new friends to mentor, then you need to go through this study. This is a study on what techniques Jesus used to develop the friendships He had. It is a study you could go through prior to starting Beginning: Year One or studying as a part of your Beginning: Year One training.

If you already have friends to mentor but would like to be developing more friends for your future mentoring, then you should spend as much time in this study as needed. It will help you be going through the natural course of your daily activities while allowing people to become a closer part of your life and mentoring. It takes very little extra effort to make it a part of what you typically do each day.

Helping Others Make New Friends

Another reason you might want to go through this study is to be able to help those of your friends who need to know how to develop friendships. You can work with them by taking them through this study and teach them a way of life that assists hurting people find the help they need.

Making Friendship A Lifestyle

This study is literally a lifestyle of making new friends; it takes all your business and casual relationships to another level. It helps you learn how to ask those around you non-threatening questions that invite them to open their heart up to you.

As you give people opportunities to grow in their relationship with you, you are able to know what to do next when they indicate they are willing to share various information about their lives with you. If this is something you would like to know and grow in, then "Friendship Development" is the study for you.

Business Relationships

Most of the relationships we are involved in during our day are business relationships. They aren't people we could call friends; they are just people we need in order to help us get certain needs met. If you were asked to tell some personal information about them, you would probably be at a loss. You don't know what kind of things most of them like, what they are going through, or what they are doing to try to make themselves happy.

We see people get food, clothing, housing, and medical treatment from people who are basically strangers to them. Even in church, we can go in, sit down and try to get our spiritual needs met by people who don't know us and we don't know much about them. Jesus is trying to help us change that approach in our way of living the Christian life.

How To Help Hurting People

We have been allowing Jesus to deal with us concerning a close and intimate relationship with our heavenly Father, a godly relationship with ourselves, and a close and personal relationship with our friends. Friendship is the first step to relational, financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual healing provided by Jesus. Our relationship with Jesus, our relationship with ourselves, and our relationship with our friends are the keys to all the benefits from Jesus.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.

The Workbook Chapter One For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day One

Welcome To Friendship Development Instructions

Making New Friends

Jesus, I am having a difficult time developing new friendships so I can have someone to mentor or so I can add new friends to mentor. Help me go through this study so I can become good at it. Teach me Your techniques You used to develop the friendships You had.

Even when I already have friends to mentor, help me be developing more friends for future mentoring. Help me be going through the natural course of my daily activities while allowing people to become a closer part of my life and mentoring. Show me that it takes very little extra effort to make it a part of what I typically do each day.

Helping Others Make New Friends

Jesus, help me go through this study for another reason. Let me go through it so I will be able to help those of my friends who need to know how to develop friendships. Let me be able to work with them by taking them through this study; let me teach them a way of life that assists hurting people find the help they need.

Making Friendship A Lifestyle

Jesus, empower this study to literally create a lifestyle of making new friends; let it take all my business and casual relationships to another level. Let it help me learn how to ask those around me non-threatening questions that invite them to open their heart up to me.

As I give people opportunities to grow in their relationship with me, help me be able to know what to do next. When they indicate they are willing to share various information about their lives with me, make me ready for it. Jesus, this is something I would like to know and grow in; prepare my heart for it.

Business Relationships

Jesus, most of the relationships I am involved in during my day are business relationships. They aren't people I can call friends; they are just people I need in order to help me get certain needs met. If I were asked to tell some personal information about them, I would typically be at a loss. I don't know what kind of things most of them like, what they are going through, or what they are doing to try to make themselves happy.

I see people get food, clothing, housing, and medical treatment from people who are basically strangers to them. Even in church, I and others go in, sit down and try to get our spiritual needs met by people who don't know us and we don't know much about them. Jesus, help me change that approach in my way of living the Christian life.

How To Help Hurting People

Jesus, I have been allowing You to deal with me concerning a close and intimate relationship with my heavenly Father, a godly relationship with myself, and a close and personal relationship with my friends. Since friendship is the first step to relational, financial, emotional, physical, and spiritual healing provided by Jesus, teach me how to be good at it. Show me that my relationship with You, my relationship with myself, and my relationship with my friends are the keys to all the benefits from You.

You want me to **love the Lord** my **God with all** my **heart and with all** my **soul and with all** my **mind and with all** my **strength." The second** thing You want is for me to **love** my **neighbor as** myself**.** You have made it clear to me that **there is no commandment greater than these (Mark 12:30-31).**

The Textbook Chapter Two For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Two

Friendship Development Instructions

Friendship Growth

Jesus will be revealing five types of relationships for us to identify. This is so we can see how to relate to them during our times of contact with them. These five types of relationships are: Business Relationships, Casual Relationships, Personal Friends, Sincere Friends, and Mentor Friends.

Business And Casual Relationships

We know people on a business or casual level that are open to real friendship. We interact with people we do business and have casual friends. We have gained these relationships through our family and relatives, through our jobs, through school, from our neighborhood, in our church, and through sports. True friendship usually starts out from a business or casual relationship and then grows into a deeper friendship. However, this isn't necessarily a Christian friendship. Christian friendships are developed from these true, deeper friendships.

Business Relationships

A **business relationship** is where you only talk to the person about their products or services. You don't try to talk to them about anything that isn't about the business at hand. These relationships can be at work, in stores, on the phone, by mail, or through the internet. They may be one time contacts or you may see them on a regular basis. Business relationships that have the potential of becoming casual friendships are those that give you an opportunity for repeated contact.

Casual Friendships

A **casual friendship** is a friendship where you and someone else talk about those things you have in common. They can start out with subjects about the weather, sports, things about the company you work for, fellow workers you work around, familiar places and experiences, people you know, and many other common things.

A casual friend may become very open and honest about their family, their business, their successes and failures, and all kinds of general personal things. But, it will need to grow to the place where they feel comfortable talking about their problems, struggles, or issues of life. As long as the conversation remains on subjects that have nothing to do with any of their problems, struggles, or issues of life, it remains a casual relationship.

Personal Friends

As you spend time developing casual friendships with various people, Jesus will open the doors for you to develop a **personal friendship** with some of them. Some of your business acquaintances and causal friends will finally open up and tell you something about things they are struggling with.

When someone tells you something personal, you will need Jesus to give you special responses; He will help you say things that help them continue to feel comfortable with opening up. He will help you encourage them, reward them, and demonstrate real concern for them and the problems they are going through.

After you have given **personal friend** a lot of time to share their problems with you, and after you have asked plenty of questions that have helped you clearly understand what they are GOING through, you will be able to use this opportunity to share with them a similar problem you WENT through and have been able to get the answers and help with.

There are business relationships and casual friendships where people are sincerely looking for the answers to their problems; and, they are willing to enter into the provisions that Jesus has given you. These are people who will eventually become some of your best and closest friends. The enjoyment and fellowship that comes from these friendships make it worth it for you to learn how to be ready to share those things Jesus has done for you.

Sincere Friends
Like with **personal friendships**, **sincere friends** are people who are willing to open up and share the difficult areas of their lives with you. AND, they are willing to listen as you tell them about your life where you WENT through a similar difficulty and found the solutions. However, **sincere friends** will ALSO be willing to listen to you as you tell them what you DID to get that solution.

Mentor Friends
A **personal friend** will be receptive to telling you their problems; a **sincere friend** will do that and will listen to your stories about how you went through similar things; but, **mentor friends** will:

1. Tell you some of the problems they are going through.

2. Will listen to your story about all the things you went through.

3. AND will allow you to tell them what you did to get help.

4. AND will also be willing to do what you did so they can get what you received from Jesus.

When you finally meet them and establish a **mentoring friendship** with them, that is when true friendship begins.

From this study, you will learn how to develop a lot of business relationships, casual friendships, personal friendships, sincere friendships, and mentoring friendships. As Jesus helps you receive His character and attitudes into your personality, He helps you become a much more enjoyable person to be around. Your abilities to care about other people will open your eyes to ways of being helpful and personable with all you meet.

People like those who like them.

The Workbook Chapter Two For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Two

Friendship Development Instructions

Friendship Growth

Jesus, help me understand the five types of relationships. Help me be able to identify them so I can see how to relate to them during my times of contact with them. Teach me that they are: Business Relationships, Casual Relationships, Personal Friends, Sincere Friends, and Mentor Friends.

Business And Casual Relationships

Jesus, help me understand that there are people I know on a business or casual level that are open to REAL friendship. I interact with people I do business with; I also have casual friends I have gained through my family and relatives, through my jobs, through school, from my neighborhood, in my church, and through sports. Teach me that true friendship usually starts out from a business or casual relationship and then grows into a deeper friendship. However, let me realize that this isn't necessarily a Christian friendship and relationship. A Christian friendship is developed from these true, deeper friendships.

Business Relationships

Jesus, help me see the importance of identifying my **business relationships.** Help me see that even though it is a relationship where I typically only talk to the person about their products or services, You can help me develop it further. In the past, I didn't try to talk to them about anything that didn't pertain to the business at hand. I find these relationships at my place of work, in stores, on the phone, by mail, or through internet communications. Some of them are one time contacts; others I see on a regular basis. Make it clear to me that business relationships have the potential of becoming casual friendships. There are situations that give me an opportunity for repeated contact; help me see if they can be taken further.

Casual Friendships

Jesus, help me see my **casual friendships** is being a friendship where I and someone else talk about those things we have in common. I can start out with subjects about the weather, sports, things about the company I work for, fellow workers I work around, familiar places and experiences, people we both know, and many other common things. Help me stop and be willing to develop many of these types of relationships.

Help me appreciate the fact that a casual friend has the potential of becoming very open and honest. Some of them will gradually be willing to talk about their family, their business, their successes and failures, and all kinds of general personal things. Teach me how to help it grow to the place where they feel comfortable talking to me about their problems, struggles, or issues of life. Show me that as long as the conversation remains on subjects that have nothing to do with any of their problems, struggles, or issues of life, it remains a casual relationship.

Personal Friends

Jesus, as I spend time developing casual friendships with various people, I ask You to open the doors for me to develop a **personal friendship** with some of them. Let some of my business acquaintances and causal friends finally open up and tell me something about things they are struggling with. Then give me the words to help them feel comfortable with the fact that they are opening up. Help me encourage them, reward them, and demonstrate real concern for them and the problems they are going through.

Jesus, after I have given my **personal friends** a lot of time to share their problems with me, and after I have asked plenty of questions that have helped me clearly understand what they are GOING through, help me be able to use this opportunity to share with them. Help me share a similar problem I WENT through; help me share problems I now have the answers and help with from You.

Make it clear to me that there are business relationships and casual friendships where people are sincerely looking for the answers to their problems. And, make it clear to me that they are willing to enter into the provisions that You have given me.

Help me understand that these business people and casual friends are people who will eventually become some of my best and closest friends. Help me look forward to the enjoyment and fellowship that comes from these friendships. Show me that it will make it worth it for me to learn how to be ready to share those things Jesus has done for me.

Sincere Friends

Jesus, teach me that like with **personal friendships**, **sincere friends** there are people who are willing to open up and share the difficult areas of their lives with me. AND, they are ALSO willing to listen to me as I tell them about areas of my life where I WENT through a similar difficulty and found the solutions. AND, these **sincere friends** will ALSO be willing to listen to me as I tell them what I DID to get that solution.

Mentor Friends

Jesus, like in the friendships that I have with a **sincere person**, teach me that **mentor friends** will:

1. Tell me some of the problems they are going through.
2. Will listen to my story about all the things I went through.
3. Will allow me to tell them what I did to get help.
4. Will ALSO be willing to start doing what I did so they can get what I received from You.

Teach me that when I finally meet them and am able to establish a **mentoring friendship** with them, that is the time when true friendship begins.

Use this study, Jesus, and help me learn how to develop a lot of business relationships, casual friendships, personal friendships, sincere friendships, and mentoring friendships.

As You help me receive Your character and attitudes into my personality, You will help me become a much more enjoyable person to be around. You will increase my abilities to care about other people. That will open my eyes to ways of being helpful and personable with all I meet.

Make it clear to me that people like those who like them.

The Textbook Chapter Three For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Three

Friendship Development Instructions

How Do I Get More Friends?

1. Follow Jesus' Pattern

From the beginnings of our relationship with Jesus, we are supposed to be telling those around us that Jesus is Lord and that He is our Lord. Should that not be true, then we need to take a look at Jesus' approach to developing various types of relationships and friendships. He was perfect in the way He approached people and how He tried to offer them help. Let's go over a way to help people by allowing them to decide whether or not they want our help through the power of Jesus.

2. Identify And Define Your Relationships

If you don't accept this assignment from Jesus, you will go about your day and very often not help anyone spiritually. Let's look at the five types of relationships again:

1. There are **business relationships** that are just about buying and selling products to one another.

2. There are **casual friendships** where you talk about things you have in common like the weather, sports, and other people you both know.

3. There are **personal friendships** where they are willing to start opening up and sharing a few of their problems, struggles, or difficulties.

4. There are **sincere friendships** where the person wants help with their issues and problems and are willing to consider getting help from Jesus.

5. And, there are **mentoring friendships** that are people who are willing to join you in getting involved in the programs, books, and studies on this website.

3. Ask Normal, Everyday Questions

The best way to get to know more about a person is to ask them questions about themselves. You aren't trying to GET them into salvation, GET them to attend your church, or GET them into your small group. You are simply trying to GET to know them better. Don't have ANY hidden agenda or future goal planned for them. You don't know where each conversation you have with a person is going to go. By asking them questions, you are just TRYING TO SEE whether or not Jesus has prepared your business relationships, casual friendships, personal friendships, or sincere friendships to move to the next level of friendship.

4. Ask Sincere Questions
In order to find out whether or not each of these relationships are ready to move to the next level, you simply ask them questions you do not know the answers to. With business relationships, if you don't know where they live, ask that question; if you don't know what hobbies they have or special interests, then find out about that. You just need to help them open up and start talking about themselves.

When you ask a question, listen to their answers and memorize these things about them. If Jesus wants them to, your non-threatening questions will take a business relationship to a casual friendship; or, they will take a casual friendship to a personal friendship. As far as you know, it may all stop there and never be able to be taken to the next level; you never know what each person is open to AND YOU ARE OKAY WITH THAT.

Understanding The Heart Of Relationships

In building friendships, you must avoid trying to talk people into something.

Friendship building must ALWAYS be times of getting to know more about a person; and, you must be WILLING to let them get to know you. You must allow them to find out about your healings, miracles, blessings, and transformations that Jesus has done for you.

Build Business Relationships

In establishing a **business relationship** you are simply trying to find out what a person has to offer. You are checking out their products and services so you can decide whether or not they have something you want or need. You probably have some criteria as to where you buy these things. It can be price, brand, convenient location, a place where you have always shopped, the way they display their products, or the personnel. Jesus, wants you to reevaluate your criteria for where you do your shopping. As often as possible, you would try to do business with certain people so you can see if Jesus wants a **casual friendship** to be established with them.

Only Jesus knows who will be people He wants you working with. You just have to trust Him to open certain people's hearts to the questions you ask. You will also need to trust Him to block off all relationships He doesn't want you developing.

The Workbook Chapter Three For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Three

Friendship Development Instructions

How Do I Get More Friends?

1. Follow Jesus' Pattern

Jesus, help me understand that from the beginnings of my relationship with You, I was supposed to be telling those around me that You are Lord and that You are my Lord. This hasn't been totally true; so, help me take a look at Your approach to developing various types of relationships and friendships. You were perfect in the way You approached people and how You tried to offer them help. Take me through the way to help people by allowing them to decide whether or not they want my help through Your power.

2. Identify And Define Your Relationships

Jesus, help me accept this assignment from You; I don't want to go about my day and not help anyone spiritually. Take me through the five types of relationships again and help me understand them.

1. I have **business relationships** where I just think about buying and selling products to the person. Help me change and start looking for opportunities to take that relationship to another level.

2. I have **casual friendships** where I talk about things we have in common like the weather, sports, and other people we both know. Help me start finding out whether or not they are open to talking about their personal issues.

3. I have **personal friendships** where they are willing to start opening up and sharing a few of their problems, struggles, or difficulties with me. Help me see if they are willing to let me share some of the victories I have experienced from You.

4. Help me have **sincere friendships** where the person wants help with their issues and problems and are willing to consider getting help from You. Help me be ready and trained so I can provide them with help from You.

5. And, help me have **mentoring friendships** who are people who are willing to join me in getting involved in the programs, books, and studies on this website.

3. Ask Normal, Everyday Questions

Jesus, teach me that the best way to get to know more about a person is to ask them questions about themselves. Help me not be trying to GET them into salvation, GET them to attend my church, or GET them into my small group. Let me simply be trying to GET to know them better. Deliver me from ANY hidden agenda or future goal planned for them. Help me realize that I don't know where each conversation I have with a person is going to go. By asking them questions, I am just TRYING TO SEE whether or not You have prepared my business relationships, casual friendships, personal friendships, or sincere friendships to move to the next level of friendship.

4. Ask Sincere Questions

Jesus, help me see that the way to find out whether or not each of these relationships are ready to move to the next level, I simply ask them questions I do not know the answers to. With business relationships, if I don't know where they live, I ask that question; if I don't know what hobbies they have or special interests, then I find out about that. I just need to help them open up and start talking about themselves.

Jesus, when I ask a question, help me to listen to their answers and memorize these things about them. Help me keep in mind that if You want them to, my non-threatening questions will take a business relationship to a casual friendship; or, they will take a casual friendship to a personal friendship. As far as I know, it may all stop there and never be able to be taken to the next level. Show me that I will never know what each person is open to help me be OKAY WITH THAT.

Understanding The Heart Of Relationships

Jesus, make it clear to me that in building friendships, I must avoid trying to talk people into something.

Teach me that friendship building must ALWAYS be times of getting to know more about a person; and, I must be WILLING to let them get to know me. I must allow them to find out about my healings, miracles, blessings, and transformations that You have done for me.

Build Business Relationships

Jesus, help me get started establishing **business relationships** where I am NOT simply trying to find out what a person has to offer. Help me NOT just check out their products and services so I can decide whether or not they have something I want or need. I have had certain criteria as to where I buy these things. It had to do with things like price, brand, convenient location, a place where I have always shopped, the way they display their products, or the personnel. Help me reevaluate my criteria for where I do my shopping. As often as possible, help me try to do business with certain people so I can see if You want a **casual friendship** to be established with them.

Keep me aware of the fact that only You know who will be people You want me working with. Help me trust You to open certain people's hearts to the questions I ask. Help me also trust You to block off all relationships You don't want me developing.

The Textbook Chapter Four For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Four

Friendship Development Instructions

Building Casual Friendships

In **casual friendships** you are trying to find out what your common experiences and interests are. Do you both like sports; do you both have an interest in the weather; do you have mutual friends; have you visited or lived in some of the same places; or, do you both have similar hobbies, interests, or activities? If Jesus has prepared their heart for you getting to know them better, then they will respond positively to your questions.

Building Personal Friendships

A **casual friendship** moves into a **personal friendship** naturally; you simply start asking more PERSONAL questions. What if you ask a casual friend a non-threatening, personal question and they avoid it, change the subject, give you a vague answer, or seem to be offended by it? It is at that point you first check your motives; you want to be sure you aren't trying to push them out of a casual friendship into a personal friendship. If you were just following Jesus' leadership, you won't get hurt, offended, or upset with their unwillingness to go to the next level. It all has to do with testing them because you want to get to know them better.

If you can ask a personal question without trying to make anything happen, then you can go around to all your casual friendships testing to see what Jesus has prepared them for. Simple questions like, "How's it going;" "What's been happening in your life;" "What have you been up to;" and, "How are you doing?" are simple questions we all ask. But, the difference between you and most people is, you REALLY want to know.

Checking On Casual Friendships

From time to time you would visit a casual friend again in the natural flow of your daily activities. While talking about casual friendship things, you would ask them another NON-THREATENING, PERSONAL question. Your motive would be to simply find out <u>whether or not Jesus had prepared their heart</u> for the next level of friendship. All during this time, you have been praying for them. You have been asking Jesus to speak to them and prepare their heart. But, it ALL depends on whether or not they are willing to listen to Jesus.

If once again, they avoid your personal question, change the subject, give you a vague answer, or seem to be offended by it, go back to your regular, casual subjects and move on. You will keep repeating this process every time you get together with them. You never know if or when a casual friendship will move forward. As you keep praying for them, Jesus is working in their life and helping them want more from Jesus. If they are willing, they will respond to Jesus and will be open the next time you ask them a question about how things are going.

Moving From Casual To Personal

Typically, during a **casual friendship** that is about to move into a **personal friendship,** they will mention something that is bothering them. It is at that point you start listening with concern while allowing them to share as much as they feel comfortable with. When they pause or stop sharing the issue with you, you can ask them clarification and information gathering questions about it. This lets you know how much they are willing to share. Be ready to back off and let them know you are praying for those things they shared.

A **personal friendship** is a **casual friendship** where the person is finally ready to move into a deeper relationship. This is BECAUSE the person is starting to desire to open up and share SOME of the problems they are going through. Typically they are not yet ready to receive any advice or help; but, they are ready to allow you to know some of their personal issues. Most of these friends just want understanding, concern, and an appreciation for how difficult their life is.

You aren't trying and shouldn't even be willing to help them at this point; you are just spending time listening to and asking questions about those areas where they are willing to share more personal information.

If you push this friendship too soon and start trying to share some of your story or start giving advice, you may close them back up again and lose their trust. But, as you keep showing a sincere interest and offer heart-felt understanding, sympathy, concern, and compassion, they may start asking for your advice and help. That can be your signal that they are ready to move on to the next level. Being gentle, sensitive, caring, and free from personal agendas will help you help them.

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Week One Day Four

Friendship Development Instructions

Building Casual Friendships

Jesus, teach me that in **casual friendships** I am trying to find out what our common experiences and interests are. Help me find out things like, do we both like sports; are we both concerned about the weather; do we have mutual friends; have we both visited or lived in some of the same places; or, do we both have similar hobbies, interests, or activities? If You have prepared their heart for me getting to know them better, then help me realize that they will respond positively to my questions.

Building Personal Friendships

Jesus, help some of my **casual friendships** to move into **personal friendships** naturally; teach me how to start asking more PERSONAL questions. Show me that if I ask a casual friend a non-threatening, personal question and they avoid it, change the subject, give me a vague answer, or seem to be offended by it, that I should first check my motives. Help me be sure I am not trying to push them out of a casual friendship into a personal friendship. Help me always follow Your leadership; if I do, I won't get hurt, offended, or upset with their unwillingness to go to the next level. Help me ask personal questions to test them because I want to get to know them better.

Help me ask a personal question without trying to make anything happen. Empower me to be able to go around to all my casual friendships testing to see what You have prepared them for. Help me start asking simple questions like, "How's it going;" "What's been happening in your life;" "What have you been up to;" and, "How are you doing?" Even though these are simple questions that most people ask, help me see the difference between me and most people; I REALLY want to know. Help me care what is going on in their lives.

Checking On Casual Friendships

Jesus, help me go from time to time to visit a casual friend in the natural flow of my daily activities. While talking about casual friendship things, show me when to ask them another NON-THREATENING, PERSONAL question. Let my motive be to simply find out whether or not You have prepared their heart for the next level of friendship. All during this time, help me always be praying for them. Help me be asking You to speak to them and prepare their heart. But, help me always stay aware of the fact that it ALL depends on whether or not they are willing to listen to You.

Jesus, if they once again, avoid my personal questions, change the subject, give me a vague answer, or seem to be offended by it, help me go back to my regular, casual subjects and move on. Teach me how to keep repeating this process every time I get together with them. Help me understand that I will never know if or when a casual friendship will move forward. Empower me to keep praying for them and realize that You are working in their life and helping them want more from You. If they are willing, they will respond to You and will be open the next time I ask them a question about how things are going.

Moving From Casual To Personal

Jesus, help me be watching for a change in the attitudes of my **casual friends.** Make it clear to me that typically, during a **casual friendship** that is about to move into a **personal friendship,** they will mention something that is bothering them. Help me, at that point, start listening with concern while allowing them to share as much as they feel comfortable with. When they pause or stop sharing the issue with me, let me ask them clarification and information gathering questions about it. Teach me that this lets me know how much they are willing to share. Help me be ready to back off, if I need to, and let them know I am praying for those things they shared.

Teach me that a **personal friendship** is a **casual friendship** where the person is finally ready to move into a deeper relationship. Show me that this is BECAUSE the person is starting to desire to open up and share SOME of the problems they are going through. But, help me always keep in mind that typically they are not yet ready to receive any advice or help. Help me see that they ARE ready to allow me to know some of their personal issues. Teach me that most of these friends just want understanding, concern, and an appreciation for how difficult their life is.

Jesus, help me not try and not even be willing to help them at this point; let me just spend time listening to and asking questions about those areas where they are willing to share more personal information.

Jesus, make it clear to me that if I push this friendship too soon and start trying to share some of my story or start giving advice, I may close them back up again and lose their trust. But, as I keep showing a sincere interest and offer heart-felt understanding, sympathy, concern, and compassion, they may start asking for my advice and help. Let that be my signal that they are ready to move on to the next level. Help me be gentle, sensitive, caring, and free from personal agendas; let that help me help them.

The Textbook Chapter Five For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Five

Friendship Development Instructions

Seeing You Have A Personal Friend

1. They Start To Trust You

You will be able to tell when a **casual friend** is ready to join you in a **personal friendship.** They will start responding positively to your non-threatening, personal questions. They have gradually started trusting you; they are starting to believe you sincerely care about them. You are becoming someone they feel they can trust with important, personal, sensitive, even embarrassing things.

2. Your Questions Can Intensify

Once a **casual friend** starts becoming a **personal friend,** you will be allowed to increase the intensity of your personal questions. You might start asking them how things are going in their life, how a certain issue turned out, is there anything they would like you to pray for them about, or any other personal question that gives them an OPPORTUNITY to show you how open and honest they are willing to be.

3. You Are Allowed To Pray For Them

If a **casual friend** starts sharing more intimate, personal issues and you can see they trust you, it will be a time for you to see if they will allow you to pray for them. If the setting will allow it, you might pray for them right where you are. If not, just let them know you will BE praying for them. Be careful that you don't go to any private setting where their and your integrity is jeopardized.

Holding A Relationship Back

Stories Rather Than Advice

Some people are VERY open to advice and may want your opinion on what you think they should do. If you haven't had a chance to test the friendship by asking more intense personal questions, then you will need to avoid giving that advice. Your story is by far the better way of answering people's questions. If you give advice, then it is open for debate, it looks like it is just your personal opinion, and, it can be one of many things they are considering. If you tell them what Jesus has done for you, then they can't argue with you about it.

Proof Rather Than Opinions

There are people who spend a lot of time simply collecting advice from all kinds of people. They are just looking for those who will agree with them and support them in decisions they have ALL READY made. Once they find out you don't agree with them, they will move on to other people who will give them additional support. By just giving them your story, they will have information that has proven to work; that causes them to reconsider their decisions.

Questions That Bring Hope

Don't Misunderstand; Get The Truth

If you keep avoiding giving **casual friends** and **personal friends** advice and keep asking questions, you will be more qualified to offer personal stories that are more relevant to their situation. Their mind might be made up because they don't see any other way of getting the happiness or solutions they are seeking. If your questions help you find out what their deeper motives are, your story can show them a better way. That can take them from being a person with their mind made up, to a person who is now considering other options.

Questions That Reveal Jesus' Work

During the **personal friendship** level, you are asking questions JUST TO SEE if Jesus has prepared their heart for sharing and how much and how deep they willing to go in that sharing. Your questions are ALWAYS looking for what Jesus has done in their life up to that point. Jesus is answering Your prayers; He is helping them get to the place where they want His help. If they aren't willing to go very deep into their issues or you run out of time to talk about them, then let them know you are available to talk to them about these things at a later time.

Scheduled Meetings

People Who Need More Of Your Time

If they are willing, you can start making appointments to get together so you can listen to more about their concerns and issues. They need time so you can let them feel your non-threatening attitude about what they are going through. If you have more time, you can let them experience your relaxed relationship with them. You will be able to demonstrate the fact that you won't push them; this is done by backing off of anything they avoid or resist.

People Who Are Willing To Give You Time

There are people that you can make arrangements to spend more time with. They want you to have more time to listen to their problems, ask them questions that lead them into sharing deeper information, and ask questions that help you see if they are ready to move into a **sincere friendship**. The more a person demonstrates that they are ready to spend more time with you, and the more they are willing to move to the next level, the more time you will need to spend with them.

Building Sincere Friendships

Know The Difference In The Relationships

In order to take a **personal friendship**, where they are willing to open up and tell you what their problems are, to a **sincere friendship**, where they show a willingness to let you share your story with them, you would give them a very short version of your story. This is a test to see how receptive they are to helpful information. It is a time where you are watching to see how interested they are in what you have to say.

Test Their Receptivity
A quick presentation where you just give them a little taste of what Jesus has done for you, can tell you a lot about their sincerity. As long as it is in the area of their concerns, it can be used as a test to see if they are ready to start listening to you. It is a process where you see if you can gain their interest in hearing more.

Understand The Purpose
If a **personal friend** is moving into a **sincere friend,** you can tell them things that create a desire to keep hearing and learning more. It isn't a story about your life that shows the solution; it is a part of the story that creates interest in finding out more. It would also be an attempt to see if they can gain a certain amount of confidence in your experiences with Jesus. They may be listening; but, they may be listening with reservations. They believe you are trustworthy and sincere; but, they may not see you as one who qualifies to help them. You have to not only be a trustworthy person, your information must be PROVEN to be trustworthy. That is accomplished by show them Scriptures from God's Word that establishes it as truth.

The Workbook Chapter Five For:
Developing Friendships
Week One Day Five

Friendship Development Instructions

Seeing You Have A Personal Friend

1. They Start To Trust You

Jesus, help me be able to tell when a **casual friend** is ready to join me in a **personal friendship.** As they start responding positively to my non-threatening, personal questions, help me know what to do next. I thank You for helping some to gradually start trusting me; thank You for helping them start to believe I sincerely care about them. Thank You for helping me become someone they feel they can trust with important, personal, sensitive, even embarrassing things.

2. Your Questions Can Intensify

Jesus, once a **casual friend** starts becoming a **personal friend,** and I am being allowed to increase the intensity of my personal questions, help me ask the right questions. If You want me to start asking them how things are going in their life, or, how a certain issue turned out, or, is there anything they would like me to pray for them about, let me ask that. But, if You want me to ask any other personal question, let me ask ones that give them an OPPORTUNITY to show me how open and honest they are willing to be.

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Jesus, if a **casual friend** starts sharing more intimate, personal issues and I can see they trust me, help me see if they will allow me to pray for them. If the setting will allow it, help me pray for them right where we are. If not, help me just let them know I will BE praying for them. Let me always be careful that I don't go to any private setting where their and my integrity is jeopardized.

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Scheduled Meetings

People Who Need More Of Your Time

Jesus, if they are willing, let us start making appointments to get together so I can listen to more about their concerns and issues. Show me that they need time so I can let them feel my non-threatening attitude about what they are going through. Help me see that if I have more time, I can let them experience my relaxed relationship with them. I will be able to demonstrate the fact that I won't push them; then help me do this by empowering me to back off of anything they avoid or resist.

People Who Are Willing To Give You Time

Jesus, there are people that I can make arrangements to spend more time with. They want me to have more time to listen to their problems, ask them questions that lead them into sharing deeper information, and ask questions that help me see if they are ready to move into a **sincere friendship**. Teach me that the more a person demonstrates that they are ready to spend more time with me, and the more they are willing to move to the next level, the more time I will need to spend with them; work with my schedule so I can do that.

Building Sincere Friendships

Know The Difference In The Relationships

Jesus, teach me that in order for me to take a **personal friendship**, where they are willing to open up and tell me what their problems are, to a **sincere friendship**, where they show a willingness to let me share my story with them, I need to give them a very short version of my story. Let this be a test to see how receptive they are to helpful information. Teach me how to watch to see how interested they are in what I have to say. Let me read the signs in their face, body movements, and responses to the information.

Test Their Receptivity

Jesus, let me give them a quick presentation where I just share with them a little taste of what You have done for me; show me how this can tell me a lot about their sincerity. Help me tell a part of my story that is in the area of their concerns; then let me use it as a test to see if they are ready to start listening to me. Let it be a process where I can see if I can gain their interest in hearing more.

Understand The Purpose

Jesus, if a **personal friend** is moving into a **sincere friend,** help me tell them things that create a desire to keep hearing and learning more. Help it not be a story about my life that shows the solution; let it be a part of the story that creates interest in finding out more. Let it also be an attempt to see if they can gain a certain amount of confidence in my experiences with You. Show me that they may be listening; but, they may be listening with reservations. They believe I am trustworthy and sincere; but, they may not see that I qualify to help them. I have to not only be a trustworthy person, my information must be PROVEN to be trustworthy. Help me establish that fact through the proof of Your Word.

This concludes your reading and asking Jesus for all these things in
"Developing Friendships" Week One.
Just spend some time thinking and praying about
what you have learned so far.
Let Jesus use these ideas and principles to change your life.

Don't forget to fill out your "My Power Growth Record;"
it will help you get back here next week.

You are now ready for
"Developing Friendships" Week Two
next time.

The Textbook Chapter Six For:
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Week Two Day One

Welcome To Friendship Development Instructions Week Two

Tell Your Story

As you keep getting together with a **personal friend,** or **sincere friend,** continue to share little bits of your story with them and see if the successes of your story help them feel comfortable with you telling them more. You will be telling it to your **personal friend** to see if they have come to the place where they want to be helped. You are telling it to your **sincere friend** to see if they are willing to allow that help to come through Jesus. These short versions of your story should include similar problems like the ones they are going through.

The purpose of your story is:

- To let your friends know you have gone through similar things like they are going through.
- To let them know you found the answers to being helped and delivered from such problems.
- To let them know that Jesus was the One Who has blessed, worked miracles, and healed the things in your life.
- To find out whether or not they are interested in moving to the next level of friendship.

Waiting For Their Response

Do They Have Spiritual Comprehension?

After you have shared a portion of your story with a person that you have a **personal friendship** or **sincere friendship** with, you will relax and allow them to respond to that story in any way they wish. You are still just trying to see how far Jesus has taken them and what you should do next. If they don't understand the points of your story, don't show any real interest in it, or don't appear to want the same kind of help, then they need to stay in or go back to the **personal friendship** level.

Will They Ever Have Spiritual Comprehension?

If a person appears to only want to stay in the **personal friendship** level, it is at this point you and Jesus need to decide whether you should continue seeing them, reduce the time you spend with them, or go back to asking more questions.

Your time is limited; there are people all around you who will respond to you and the things Jesus has done for you. It is important that you not take time away from them and give it to someone who won't move forward. Jesus will show you whether or not they will ever go on from there. If He shows you that they just need a little more encouragement, then He will give you more things to share so they can move into or continue in a **sincere friendship**.

Listen To Jesus
We can try to pick who we think would make great Christians. But, only Jesus knows who will move forward. You must relax, give up your personal opinions, and listen to what Jesus has to say about each person. You will get hurt, disappointed, waste time, and cheat other people out of getting their chance to move into the things of Jesus, if you don't follow His leadership.

Testing The Relationship

1. Are They Open To Spiritual Things?
If the people you are working with are willing to let you help them with the KIND of help that helped you, then they are ready to become one of your **sincere friends**. If they aren't willing to discuss solutions, or, if they are willing to discuss solutions but they aren't willing to discuss solutions that involve Jesus being the answer, then they aren't ready to move to the **sincere friendship** level yet; and, that was ALL you were trying to find out by telling your story.

2. Have They Changed Over Time?
If Jesus wants you to let the relationship stay on the **personal friendship** level, He may have you visit them from time to time, give them more parts of your story, and remind them that He was the One Who helped you. If Jesus tells you they just need time, your friendship will be one where you keep sharing miracles He has worked in your life. This helps them see how great and wonderful He is. It won't be where you keep allowing them to pour more and more of their problems and issues on you. They MUST become willing to allow Jesus to help them and change them.

3. Are They Only Open To Human Help?
Don't allow **personal friends** and **sincere friends** pull your own personal advice out of you. Keep telling them what the Biblical principles say, while letting them know that your personal experiences are coming directly from the Bible and Jesus. **Personal friends** and **sincere friends** must not insist on staying where they are and you keep seeing them. They may be fun to talk to; you may want to just make them social friends without any spiritual purpose. But, it is important that you keep in mind that there are people all around you that desperately need your help.

Defining A Sincere Friendship

Do They Want To Be Helped?
A **sincere friendship** is a **personal friendship** that has moved deeper because the person has a desire not only to share their problems, they are ready to grow and get help. You aren't trying to create such a desire in them; you are just trying to find out whether or not that desire is already in them from Jesus. If Jesus hasn't already been working with them and created a desire for change, growth, and a relationship with Him, then they aren't ready for a **sincere friendship**.

Are They Willing To Be Helped By Jesus?
A **sincere friend** responds with sincere answers to your non-threatening, personal questions and parts of your story. You can ask them why they think a certain problem got so bad? You can ask if they are willing to join you in doing things that would help them? You can ask if there is anything they would like you to pray about? Or, you can ask them any other personal question that gives them an OPPORTUNITY to open up and start receiving spiritual help from you and Jesus.

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Friendship Development Instructions Week Two

Tell Your Story

Jesus, as I keep getting together with a **personal friend,** or **sincere friend,** help me know which bits of my story I should share with them. Let me see if the successes of my story help them feel comfortable with me telling them more. Teach me that I will be telling it to my **personal friend** to see if they have come to the place where they want to be helped. I will be telling it to my **sincere friend** to see if they are willing to allow that help to come through You. Teach me how to use these short versions of my story so they include similar problems like the ones they are going through.

Jesus, teach me the purpose of my story:

- Help me let my friends know I have GONE through similar things like they are GOING through.
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- Help me find out whether or not they are interested in moving to the next level of friendship.

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Will They Ever Have Spiritual Comprehension?

Jesus, if a person appears to only want to stay in the **personal friendship** level, let me hear from You so I can decide whether I should continue seeing them, reduce the time I spend with them, or go back to asking more questions.

Make it clear to me that my time is limited; there are people all around me who will respond to me and the things You has done for me. Help me understand that it is important that I not take time away from them and give it to someone who won't move forward. Show me whether or not they will ever go on from there. If You show me that they just need a little more encouragement, then give me more things to share so they can move into or continue in a **sincere friendship**.

Listen To Jesus

Jesus, help me not try to pick who I think would make great Christians. Help me always keep in mind that only You know who will move forward and who won't. Empower me to relax, give up my own personal opinions, and really listen to what You have to say about each person I encounter. Make it clear to me that I will get hurt, disappointed, waste time, and cheat other people out of getting their chance to move into Jesus' things, if I don't follow Your leadership.

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Jesus, if the people I am working with are willing to let me help them with the KIND of help that helped me, then let me see that they are ready to become one of my **sincere friends**. If they aren't willing to discuss solutions, or, if they are willing to discuss solutions but they aren't willing to discuss solutions that involve You being the answer, then reveal to me that they aren't ready to move to the **sincere friendship** level yet; and, help me keep in mind that, that was ALL I was trying to find out by telling my story.

2. Have They Changed Over Time?

Jesus, if You want me to let the relationship stay on the **personal friendship** level, teach me that You may have me visit them from time to time, give them more parts of my story, and remind them that You were the One Who helped me. Show me that if You tell me they just need time, my friendship will, from that time on, be one where I keep sharing miracles that You have worked in my life. Teach me that this is so they can keep seeing how great and wonderful You are. But, also teach me that it won't be one where I keep allowing them to pour more and more of their problems and issues on me. Make it clear to me that they MUST become willing to allow You to help them and change them.

3. Are They Only Open To Human Help?

Jesus, help me not allow **personal friends** and **sincere friends** pull my own personal advice out of me. Empower me to keep telling them what the Biblical principles say, while letting them know that my personal experiences are coming directly from the Bible and You. Help me be willing to accept that **personal friends** and **sincere friends** must not insist on staying where they are and me keep seeing them. They may be fun to talk to; I may want to just make them social friends without any spiritual purpose. But, help me see how important it is that I keep in mind that there are people all around me that desperately need my help through You.

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Do They Want To Be Helped?

Jesus, teach me that a **sincere friendship** is a **personal friendship** that has moved into a deeper relationship BECAUSE the person has a desire NOT ONLY to share their problems, they are ready to grow and get help. Also teach me that I'm not trying to CREATE such a desire in them; I am just trying to FIND OUT whether or not that desire is ALREADY in them from You. Help me understand that if You haven't ALREADY been working with them and creating a desire for change, growth, and a relationship with You, then they aren't ready for a **sincere friendship**.

Are They Willing To Be Helped By Jesus?

Jesus, teach me that a **sincere friend** is a person who responds with sincere answers to my non-threatening, personal questions and parts of my story. If You want me to, help me ask them why they think a certain problem has gotten so bad? If You want me to, help me ask whether or not they are willing to join me in doing some things that would help them? If You want me to, help me ask if there is anything they would like me to pray for them about? Or, if You want me to, help me ask them any other personal question that gives them an OPPORTUNITY to open up and start receiving spiritual help from me and You.

The Textbook Chapter Seven For:
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Week Two Day Two

Friendship Development Instructions

Mentor Friendship

A **personal friend** will be receptive to telling you their problems; a **sincere friend** will do that and will listen to your stories about how you went through similar things; but, **mentor friends** will:

1. Tell you some of the problems they are going through.

2. Will listen to your story about all the things you went through.

3. AND will allow you to tell them what you did to get help.

4. AND will also be willing to start doing what you did so they can get what you received from Jesus.

When you finally meet them and are able to establish a **mentoring friendship** with them, that is the time when true friendship begins.

Mentoring Your Friend

Special Features

If a person responds to the various parts of your story positively, then you can start showing them HOW Jesus did the wonderful things He has done for you. Once you and Jesus feel they are ready, you would invite them to take a look at the **Benefits** of HELP eMagazine on the website. The **Special Features** section of HELP eMagazine will start telling them why they need to be willing to get involved in the studies.

Always Be Checking Your Friend

You will be helping them see a way to start getting help with the issues they are going through. As you go over these **Benefits**, you will be asking them what they think about the various things presented. Don't just quickly go through the Benefits; let them give you their reactions to as much of these things being presented as possible. You are ALWAYS using these things to FIND OUT where Jesus has taken them so far. If they aren't ready for something, then either THEY have decided they don't want it; or, Jesus has decided HE isn't ready for them to be exposed to it yet.

Always Be Checking With Jesus

If they need to spend a lot of time discussing with you their concerns about the Benefits of HELP eMagazine, then remain in that area. If they have a negative reaction to or appear to be disinterested in HELP eMagazine, then you need to spend time with Jesus finding out what to do from there. Some people will be willing to share their problems with you, be willing for Jesus to set them free, but they will NOT be willing to "do what it takes" TO GET Jesus' help.

The Special Features Test

Once again, YOU ARE NOT TRYING TO SELL THEM ON HELP EMAGAZINE. You are just trying to find out whether or not Jesus has gotten them ready for HELP eMagazine. Everything you do is simply an exploratory effort to find out what Jesus and they have decided on this matter. They and Jesus must first solve the issue of what they are ready for and willing to do. That is what the Special Features of HELP eMagazine are all about.

A mentoring friendship develops NATURALLY from the questions you ask, from the willingness of the person to answer those questions, and from their willingness to "do what it takes" to get Jesus' help.

Checking Rather Than Selling

What Are They Willing To Do?

You can ask questions like, would you like to be helped by Jesus like He has helped me? Would you be willing to take a look at the program that has meant so much to me? Would there be a convenient time for us to get together and take a look at this program? You can explain to them that it is an internet program you and they can do together in the privacy of their or your home; or, it can be done with both of you looking at the same thing but in separate homes. If they say yes, you and Jesus will have developed a **mentor friend**.

What Are You Willing To Do?

You will need to personally REVIEW the **Benefits** in the Special Features section of HELP eMagazine before you meet with them. As you review it, be praying about how to best present it to them. Your questions have helped you get to know them; now it is time to see what Jesus wants you to do with them next. Then you will be ready to meet with them to go over the Special Features of HELP eMagazine.

Introducing Them To The Studies

The Benefits Should Inspire Action

If your friend responds positively to the **Benefits** that are being offered to them from HELP eMagazine, then they are ready to start looking at the **Introduction** to these studies. Follow the same procedure of moving slowly through the Introduction by asking them questions that give them an opportunity to tell you what they think about each point. You aren't just looking for problems and disagreements, you are also looking for misunderstandings as well.

Why Are They Being Negative?

As you examine your friend, you need Jesus to help you see any problems they are having with the benefits and the introductions. It is vital that you see beyond any problems they are having. Are they being honest and open with you; or, are they having problems because of some hidden reason? If it doesn't seem like anything helps them with their problems with the program, then you will need Jesus to help you get down into their heart. Many times people don't share their REAL reasons for why they are being resistive.

Are They Ready But Afraid?
If Jesus has so prepared their heart that they show a readiness and willingness to learn how to start doing these studies with you, then move on into **The Discovery Courses.** This is new to them; they will need your assurance that you and Jesus will be with them all the way through. You have already demonstrated patience, love, and friendship to them. They may or may not be all that familiar with computers and devices they will be using. And, it may be hard for them to get familiar with this website.

Have You Covered All The Issues?
Make sure your friend is able to understand and agree with the system that is being presented to them. They may need to discuss schedules, time issues, and what kind of meetings this will require. Spend as much time as is needed to work out the details for them starting the studies with you. It would be good if you could at least do the first few studies together in the same place. If that is not possible, then it would be good to do a practice run. All you would do is help them navigate to the study, get acquainted with their record sheet, set up their browser for the next meeting, and then close down.

The Workbook Chapter Seven For:
Developing Friendships
Week Two Day Two

Friendship Development Instructions

Mentor Friendship

Jesus, help me understand that a **personal friend** will be receptive to telling me their problems; a **sincere friend** will do that and will listen to my stories about how I went through similar things; but, **mentor friends** will:

- Tell me some of the problems they are going through.
- Will listen to my story about all the things I went through.
- AND will allow me to tell them what I did to get help.
- AND will also be willing to start doing what I did so they can get what I have received from You.

Help me look forward to the fact that when I finally meet them and am able to establish a **mentoring friendship** with them, that is the time when true friendship begins.

Mentoring Your Friend

Special Features

Jesus, if a person responds to the various parts of my story positively, help me start showing them HOW You did the wonderful things You have done for me. Once You and I feel they are ready, help me be able to invite them to take a look at the **Benefits** of HELP eMagazine on the website. Let the **Special Features** section of HELP eMagazine start helping them understand why they need to be willing to get involved in the studies.

Always Be Checking Your Friend

Jesus, empower me to assist them in getting help with the issues they are going through. As I go over these **Benefits**, let me be asking them what they think about the various things presented. Help me not just quickly go through the Benefits; give me patience so I will allow them to give me their reactions to as much of these things being presented as possible. Help me ALWAYS be using these things to FIND OUT where You has taken them so far. If they aren't ready for something, then help me understand that either THEY have decided they don't want it; or, You decided You aren't ready for them to be exposed to it yet. Show me which is the case so I will know better what to do next.

Always Be Checking With Jesus

Jesus, if they need to spend a lot of time discussing their concerns about the Benefits of HELP eMagazine, help me stay there with them. If they have a negative reaction or appear to be disinterested in the study, help me spend time with You finding out what to do next. Show me that some people will be willing to share their problems with me, be willing for You to set them free, but NOT be willing to "do what it takes" to get Your help. Help me know what to do with them.

The Special Features Test

Jesus, make it very clear to me that I am not trying to sell them on HELP eMagazine. I am just trying to find out whether You have them ready for the studies. Let everything I do simply be an effort to find out what You and they have decided on this matter. Teach me that they and You must first solve the issue of what they are ready for and willing to do. That is what the Special Features of HELP eMagazine are all about.

Jesus, teach me that a mentoring friendship develops NATURALLY from the questions I ask, from the willingness of the person to answer those questions, and from their willingness to "do what it takes" to get Your help.

The Textbook Chapter Eight For:
Developing Friendships
Week Two Day Three

Friendship Development Instructions

Developing A Mentor Friendship

They Need All The Information

A **sincere friendship** to a **mentor friendship** develops NATURALLY through the Special Features presentation. As you and your friend go over these Special Features together, you should give them all the time they need to ask questions, think about those things the Special Features are telling them about, and make up their mind as to whether or not they want to get involved in HELP eMagazine. They shouldn't try to make this decision until they have completed the entire study.

Help Them Learn To Study

Going over the Special Features should take as long as is necessary for your friend to feel comfortable with making a decision. There is no rush; you just need to walk them through it at a pace that is best for them. Read short groups of paragraphs and then allow them to tell you what they think. Be willing to answer any questions or objections they may have; but, try to encourage them to get their answers from the Special Features. They need to learn to trust the material; and, they need to learn how to get the answers for themselves.

Help Them Develop Patience

In most cases, the particular issue or question your **mentor friend** has will soon be covered. Let them know you have reviewed the material and have seen the answer. Then ask them to be looking for that answer as they go through the information. The more they are willing to get the information through the Special Features, the more they demonstrate hunger for the things of Jesus.

Your Story And The Special Features

Illustrations Help With Learning

All during the time of going through the Special Features, you will need to keep sharing YOUR STORY with them. In other words, if they run into an issue, question, or objection during the Special Features time, give them examples of how Jesus used HELP eMagazine to help you. The way you learned how to apply these principles, and the way you went from a problem to a solution will help them see how it all works.

Living Illustrations Give Proof

You are living proof that the principles in HELP eMagazine work. The small version of <u>your story</u> should only tell about those events that are similar to the issues, questions, and objections they have. Try to keep all your help in the realm of your own personal experiences; Share experiences about your relationship and the provisions of Jesus. Arguments and conflicts can develop from personal opinions and concepts; but, no one can argue with your experiences with Jesus.

To Mentor Or Not To Mentor

If after they have learned what HELP eMagazine is all about and they are ready to start doing studies with you, then they are ready to move to the level of a **mentor friendship**. If they don't want to do the studies with you but are willing to let you give them advice, then you will need to pray and ask Jesus whether or not He wants you to continue to do that.

Some of your <u>sincere friends</u> will not be willing to go beyond you "spoon feeding" the information to them.

Dealing With The Lazy

I'm Not Getting Anything Out Of This

You will probably find people who want you to do all the work for them. They won't be willing to read, study, or put out the effort for getting the information for themselves. They will ask or maybe even demand that you "just tell it" to them. They may have excuses, crises, circumstances, and all kinds of other reasons for not having time or the ability to do studies with you.

They MUST Read The Material

There's a way to keep helping these people without you doing all the work. You can <u>require</u> that they read the material on their own; then you discuss it at the scheduled time. You will need to have "tests" that help prove that they did actually read the material. The more you ask questions that force them to refer to the material, the more they will see that you WILL NOT spoon feed them.

Let Jesus Guide You

You and Jesus will have to decide if or for how long you will be willing to do their work for them. Some will just need you to help them get started and then they will take off and do the studies with you. For others, it may be a problem with laziness or a lack of spiritual desire to "do what it takes" to do the studies in HELP eMagazine. If they are ever going to become a true **mentor friend,** then they are going to have to start doing the studies on their own under your mentoring.

Always Be Testing The Relationship

Test Rather Than Push

All these friendships consist of you DISCOVERING whether or not the person is READY to receive help from Jesus. Your job in all these relationships and friendships is to always be trying to FIND OUT where they are at the moment. Jesus is RESPONSIBLE for getting them ready for any progress in levels of relationship and friendship. If He chooses to, He will use those things in the natural flow of your conversations with them to help them move to the next level. BUT, your conversation didn't do it; it was Jesus empowering your conversation that produced the results.

Believe That Jesus Is Working With Them

By using this system, that Jesus used to find out what people were willing to do, you will be able to take SOME from **business relationships** all the way to **mentor friendships.** Some relationships and friendships will stop at some level for a while and then suddenly move to the next level. Jesus will have done something in their heart that helped them get ready for that level. ALL level increases are caused by the person being willing to yield to Jesus as He deals with them personally.

Pray To Do Your Part

It is vital that you not feel responsible for taking your friends to the next level, BECAUSE you are not able to. Ask Jesus to help you accept responsibility for being a constant friend; ask Jesus to help you accept your job of CHECKING, from time to time, to see what He has gotten them ready to talk about and do. The questions Jesus keeps giving you will help you check and see how they are doing. He will help you see if they have allowed Him to prepare them for moving to the next level of friendship; that part is all dependent on them and Jesus.

The Workbook Chapter Eight For:
Developing Friendships
Week Two Day Three

Friendship Development Instructions

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Jesus, help me be patient; let our going over the Special Features take as long as is necessary for my friend to feel comfortable with making a decision. Let me realize that there is no rush; I just need to walk them through it at a pace that is best for them. Help us read short groups of paragraphs and then let me allow them to tell me what they think. Help me be willing to answer any questions or objections they may have; but, show me how to encourage them to get their answers from the Special Features. Teach me that they need to learn to trust the material; and, they need to learn how to get the answers for themselves.

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Jesus, keep me from getting in between them and You. Help me see that in most cases, the particular issue or question my **mentor friend** has will soon be covered. Show me how to let them know I have reviewed the material and have seen the answer. Then let me ask them to be looking for that answer, as they go through the information. Show me that the more they are willing to get the information through the Special Features, the more they are demonstrating hunger for the things of Jesus.

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Jesus, prepare me for some of my <u>sincere friends</u> who will not be willing to go beyond me "spoon feeding" the information to them.

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The Textbook Chapter Nine For:
Developing Friendships
Week Two Day Four

Friendship Development Instructions

Regressing Friendships

People may move forward into a friendship that involves you getting to know them better and then fall back to a place where they don't want to be there anymore. You may have a friend that has progressed from a **business relationship** to a **casual friendship** and then start refusing to be your **casual friend. Personal friendships** may progress to the point where the person has shared a lot of things with you. But, there may come a point where they stop sharing personal information and issues and just want to talk about casual subjects or want to discontinue all friendship with you.

You and Jesus have to decide what to do about each situation you face, when a relationship regresses. He will have to let you know whether to just drop the relationship all together, or, just go back to doing business with them and reestablish a **casual relationship** or **business relationship** with them. It is a matter of you and Jesus deciding whether or not to keep pursuing the relationship. However, we must treat these people with love, respect, and kindness if our paths cross. We must not allow disappointment, frustration, or resentment enter our heart.

Flexibility

Changing Methods Of Relationship

Let's say you have a **mentor friend** that is doing studies with you and all of a sudden they don't want to do it anymore. If Jesus wants you to stay in touch with them, you might go all the way back to a **business relationship.** Depending on what the person is willing to allow, you will need to maintain contact with them by using the methods discussed in that type of relationship.

Find Out What Is Going On

Don't ASSUME anything as to why you think a person is resisting a certain level of friendship. QUESTIONS are still the best way of helping and bringing healing to a relationship. Let THEM tell you what kind of issues and problems they are going through that are causing them to back off. If they don't want to talk about it, then find out from Jesus what you should do next.

There Are A Lot Of Reasons

There can be things that are too embarrassing for them to be willing to discuss with you. It can be a lack of spiritual desire; it can be circumstances that they don't think you would understand; it can be influences from other people who are resisting their relationship with you. It can be any of a number of things that they may or may not be willing to talk about.

Nonproductive Relationships

You Can't Mentor Everyone

Not all relationships will be for the purpose of building them into productive relationships of spiritual growth. Many of your **business relationships** will only be about you buying and selling things that make this life possible. They may never be about building those relationships and taking them to the next level.

You Can't Make Things Happen

We are to treat everyone with love, respect, and kindness. We must not start trying to manipulate people. During family times with relatives and times of playing sports, there will be people around you that you will just be friendly to. You will be friendly to them because of the wonderful things Jesus has done in your life. It is important that you just let relationships develop as Jesus and these people allow you to. We need to not try to force anything on these people. We need Jesus to guide us every moment of everyday to trust Him with all these decisions.

You Can Be Kind To Everyone

We all have a responsibility to be loving, caring, and cordial with ALL those around us. Sometimes the way we treat the people around us helps them see what Christianity is all about. We don't treat people a certain way just because they are our friends. Jesus wants us to be loving and caring even with our enemies.

Someone Else's Friend

You Are Planting Seeds

Some of the people you cross paths with will eventually become involved in spiritual growth with someone else. As the love of Jesus pours out of you on everyone you come in contact with, special spiritual seeds are planted in their hearts. Jesus may not use you to do any more in their life than just be friendly to them as you pass by. As you allow Jesus to shine through you into everyone's life, many are prepared for being open to other Christians at a later date.

Yield To Jesus' Leadership

If we allow Jesus to free us from all personal agendas, we won't be going around looking for people to mentor. We will be allowing Jesus to flow through us so as to do WHATEVER He wants done. All kinds of people will be entering and leaving your life; only Jesus knows and is able to pick which ones should spend more time with you. Just want to do His will and He will empower you to be at the right place, at the right time, doing and saying the right things with the right people.

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The Textbook Chapter Ten For:
Developing Friendships
Week Two Day Five

Friendship Development Instructions

Diagnosing Friendships

There are **business relationships** that never grow any farther.

There are **casual friendships** where all the person wants to do is talk about the weather, sports, business, other people, and unimportant things.

There are **personal friendships** where all the person wants to talk about are their problems. They don't want ANYONE helping them with those problems; they just want to gripe, complain, and gossip about them.

There are **sincere friendships** where the person wants help but they don't want it from Jesus. There are also **sincere friendships** that want help with their issues and problems and are willing to CONSIDER getting help from Jesus, but, once they give Him a try, they decide against Him.

And, there are **mentoring friendships** that are willing to join you in doing HELP eMagazine. But they don't want to spend a lot of time with it. They say all the right things and give all the right impressions; but, fall short in performance.

Giving Proper Treatment

Business Relationships

In dealing with **business relationships** that never grow any farther, it is always a matter of staying in touch with Jesus. Your time will always be limited; if you are in the wrong place, talking to the wrong person, then you are neglecting the person that Jesus wants you to be spending time with. You may like a person very much and see great potential in them; but, if Jesus knows they are not yet ready, then you need to follow His leadership.

Casual Friendships

Within **casual friendships** there will probably be people who are family members, close friends from school, sports, work, and other places. These may be people you love very much and want the very best for them. However, you must honor their free will just like you would anyone else. If you push them or give them unusual attention, you are mistreating them and neglecting the people Jesus wants you to spend time with.

Time and effort are always the issue; if Jesus wants you to spend time with them building a **casual friendship,** then it is okay. But, if you are just spending time because they are talking about things you are interested in, then it isn't a relationship that will build God's Kingdom.

Personal Friendships
With those **personal friendships** where all the person wants to talk about is their problems, and, you can tell that they don't want ANYONE helping them with those problems, you will need to keep talking about Jesus and the things of Jesus. If this damages the relationship where they don't want to talk to you anymore, then it is your indication that they aren't ready.

Jesus has to decide whether they are always going to be like this or you just need to keep bringing the subject back to the fact that they need to start thinking about being helped by Jesus.

Sincere Friendships
In those **sincere friendships** where the person wants help but they don't want it from Jesus. They may want advice, opinions, support, or sympathy; but, when you try to take them into doing studies with you, they give excuses, resist, or keep delaying the process.

They may SINCERELY want help; they just don't yet see Jesus as being their answer. They may be afraid of spiritual things; or, they may never want to go in that direction; you and Jesus will have to decide what to do with them. Ask Jesus to help you with questions that will assist you in finding out where they stand.

There are people who are willing to establish **sincere friendships;** they will want help with their issues and problems and will be willing to CONSIDER getting help from Jesus. Some of these people may be on the fence and haven't decided how they feel about Jesus. As you try to take them into looking at the Benefits of HELP eMagazine, you will better be able to see what their problem is. If they don't want help from Jesus, DON'T BE WILLING TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

Mentor Friendships
With **mentoring friendships** there are those willing to join you in doing HELP eMagazine. But, there will be levels of commitment where some do them on a daily basis and others don't. There will be time issues where some have a life filled with other things. You will need to help them establish priorities and help them clean out distractions. There will be circumstances that attack them, distract them, damage them, and confuse them. These types of situations will all be dealt with in **The Discovery Courses.**

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Week Two Day Five

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Jesus, train me on how to deal with **business relationships** that never grow any farther.

Show me how to handle **casual friendships** where all the person wants to do is talk about the weather, sports, business, other people, and unimportant things.

Guide me in what to do with **personal friendships** where all the person wants to talk about are their problems. They don't want ANYONE helping them with those problems; they just want to gripe, complain, and gossip about them.

Give me great attitudes and character when facing **sincere friendships** where the person wants help but they don't want it from You. Help me treat those **sincere friendships** with respect, love, and kindness who want help with their issues and problems; and, they are willing to CONSIDER getting help from You; but, once they give You a try, they decide against You.

Give me patience and sternness as I handle **mentoring friendships** that are willing to join me in doing HELP eMagazine courses; but, they don't want to spend a lot of time with it. They say all the right things and give all the right impressions; but, fall short in performance. Guide me with each person so I am able to provide them with all they need from You.

Giving Proper Treatment

Business Relationships

Jesus, in dealing with **business relationships** that never grow any farther, help me constantly stay in touch with You. Since my time will always be limited, show me that if I am in the wrong place, talking to the wrong person, then I am neglecting the person that You want me to be spending time with. I may like a person very much and see great potential in them; but, if You know they are not yet ready, then help me follow Your leadership.

Casual Friendships

Jesus, within **casual friendships** there will probably be people who are family members, close friends from school, sports, work, and other places. These may be people I love very much and want the very best for them. However, help me honor their God-given free will just like I would anyone else. Show me that if I push them or give them unusual attention, I am mistreating them and neglecting the people You want me to spend time with.

Teach me that time and effort are always the issue; if You want me to spend time with them building a **casual friendship,** then it is okay. But, if I am just spending time because they are talking about things I am interested in, then show me that it isn't a relationship that will build God's Kingdom.

Personal Friendships

Jesus, with those **personal friendships** where all the person wants to talk about are their problems, and, You are showing me that they don't want ANYONE helping them with those problems, empower me to keep talking about You and the things about You. If this damages the relationship where they don't want to talk to me anymore, then let that be my indication that they aren't ready yet.

Help me let You decide whether people who are only willing to talk about their problems but won't accept help are always going to be like this; or, if I just need to keep bringing the subject back to them starting to think about being helped by You, then show me what to do.

Sincere Friendships

Jesus, in those **sincere friendships** where the person wants help but they don't want it from You. If they just want advice, opinions, support, or sympathy, help me stay on track with talking about You. If when I try to take them into doing studies with me, they give excuses, resist, or keep delaying the process, show me what to do next.

Jesus, if a person SINCERELY wants help, but, they just don't yet see You as being their answer, help me lead them into a wonderful relationship with You. If they are afraid of spiritual things, let me help them with it. If they will never want to go in that direction, help me move on. Give me insight so You and I can decide what to do with these people. Help me with questions that will assist me in finding out where they stand.

Jesus, help me with people who are willing to establish **sincere friendships;** people who want help with their issues and problems and will be willing to CONSIDER getting help from You. If some of these people are on the fence and haven't decided how they feel about You, help me lead them into a relationship with You. As I try to take them into looking at the Benefits of HELP eMagazine, help me see what their problems are regarding You. But, if it turns out that they don't want help from You, empower me to NOT BE WILLING TO TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

Mentor Friendships

Jesus in my **mentoring friendships** prepare me for helping those who are willing to join me in doing HELP eMagazine courses. But, teach me that there will be levels of commitment where some do them on a daily basis and others don't. Help me be able to deal with their time issues where some of them have a life filled with other things. Lead me into Your training on how to help them establish priorities and assist them in cleaning out distractions. Get me ready to help them with circumstances that attack them, distract them, damage them, and confuse them. As these types of situations are dealt with in **The Discovery Courses;** train me on being very good at using them.

This concludes
"Developing Friendships" Week Two

Be sure to fill out your "My Power Growth Record" sheet so you will be able to come back and start "Books, Prayers, And Worksheets" Week One next week.

You are now ready to continue your studies in the The RESOURCE Courses.