

*Turning Point Notes . . .*  
*Reaching People for Christ*  
*and*  
*Helping believers grow to be like Him*  
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## Our Legacy – Leaving a Lasting Impression

When people gather and discuss the impression you have made on their lives, which of the following do you think they will most likely use to describe the impression you have left on their lives?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Truthful        | <input type="checkbox"/> Sincere     | <input type="checkbox"/> Humble   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Warrior |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christ Follower | <input type="checkbox"/> Hard Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loving          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheater     | <input type="checkbox"/> Lazy     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sneaky         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helpful         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cruel       | <input type="checkbox"/> Crude    | <input type="checkbox"/> Rude           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> Can't Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> Selfish  | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustworthy    |

### Before you begin:

1. Is your service to God, done out of habit or devotion to Him?
2. What evidence can you find in your life that you are truly focused on worshipping and serving God?
3. What changes in habits and priorities do you need to change to have a more genuine focus on life from God's perspective?

Scripture offers guidelines for improving the impression you leave on others. **1 Corinthians 10:24**

<sup>24</sup> Don't think only of yourself. Try to think of the other fellow, too, and what is best for him.

## **The Fellowship Principle . . .**

### Monday:

- 1. What was God first concern for the man He had made?**  
**Genesis 2:18** <sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him."

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- 2. Are you taking time to invest your life in the lives of others to create a "fellowship" experience for both of you?**

### **3. What are some of the benefits of two or more individuals sharing a fellowship experiences together? Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**

<sup>9</sup> Two people can accomplish more than twice as much as one; they get a better return for their labor. <sup>10</sup> If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But people who are alone when they fall are in real trouble. <sup>11</sup> And on a cold night, two under the same blanket can gain warmth from each other. But how can one be warm alone? <sup>12</sup> A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

### Tuesday:

## **Marks of a Real Friend**

Living in "Fellowship" is a choice. You can choose to live in isolation or open your life to others both to accept their friendship and give them friendship.

Fellowship requires a relationship beyond just acquaintance. It need people who are friends. The remainder of this study is to help you define "friendship".

### **1. Real friends are committed. Proverbs 18:24**

<sup>24</sup> A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

#### **a. How did Jesus define commitment? John 15:13**

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

#### **b. Who did Jesus call His friends? John 15:14**

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command.

### **c. Jesus demonstrated communication as a part of commitment.**

**Are you communicating with those you consider to be friends?**

**John 15:15** <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

### **2. Real friends are considerate. Proverbs 17:9**

<sup>9</sup> Disregarding another person's faults preserves love; telling about them separates close friends.

#### **a. Can you accept that the people you consider friends are not perfect?**

#### **b. Instead of telling everyone else about your friends faults what do you need to do?**

### **Wednesday:**

#### **3. Real friends are confidential. Proverbs 16:28**

<sup>28</sup> *A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.*

a. Can you keep critical information about others to yourself?

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b. Based on Proverbs 16:28 why should you keep what you know about others to yourself instead of broadcasting it to others?

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#### **4. Real Friends are candid. Proverbs 27:5-6**

<sup>5</sup> *An open rebuke is better than hidden love!* <sup>6</sup> *Wounds from a friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.*

a. If your love for another individual is genuine what will you do for that individual if he or she make a mistake or develops a bad habit?

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b. A relationship based on "hidden love" means your love is withdrawn. You had rather let it slide than invest time and energy in the other individual. Where are you in your relationship with people you call "friends"?

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### **Thursday:**

#### **5. Real friends are constructive.**

Three steps to constructive friendship . . .

a. Motivator:

How can you motivate a friend with Paul's motivating words to the church at Corinth?

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

*3 for though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4 the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. on the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 we demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.*

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b. Encourager

What ideas for encouraging a friend can you find in this passage? **2 Corinthians 7:4**

*4 I have the highest confidence in you, and my pride in you is great. You have greatly encouraged me; you have made me happy despite all our troubles.*

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c. Challenger

Paul closes his second letter to the church at Corinth with a challenge. What suggestions can you get from this passage to help you be a better challenger to your friends?

**2 Corinthians 13:11**

*11 Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.*

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#### **6. Real friends are consistent. Proverbs 17:17**

<sup>17</sup> *A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.*

a. When you are consistent with a friend even through the hard times you bond like you are brothers or sisters. With who have you had this experience?

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b. Who has walked with you through hard times and you need to let them know your love for them?

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### **Friday:**

#### **7. Real friends are caring. Proverbs 27:19**

<sup>19</sup> *As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person.*

a. Can you see and identify in the heart of your friend the same feelings, disappointments and joys that you find in your own heart?

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b. When you take time to look into the mirror of your friend's heart and see the reflection of your own, how does that help you to better know how to care about him and help him?

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## *Turning Point . . .*



Start today to always be available to others



Start today to be committed to putting the best interest of others first.



Start today to give yourself away loving others more than you love your own life.