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"HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS"

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TEXT: Proverbs 13:20-21 ESV

SERIES PURPOSE: This series is a call to pursue spiritual maturity as part of our church's desire to see spiritually healthy households in Angelina County.

INTRODUCTORY REMARK: Maturity is understanding how friendships outside the home influence the inside of the home.

4 PRINCIPLES FOR ASSESSING THE SPIRITUAL HEALTH OF OUR FRIENDSHIPS:

1) Our friendships impact the direction of our lives for better or for worse (Prov. 13:20-21).

TRUTH: Acceptance is how most friendships start. Those who are wise know that acceptance leads to influence.

SELF-REFLECTION: What type of influence am I having on my friends?

2) A friend who becomes like family is a treasure from God (Prov. 17:17).

SELF-REFLECTION: Am I a fair-weather friend or an in-the-trenches friend?

3) Godly friends speak words of life not flattery (Prov. 27:5-6).

TRUTH: Do not despise the friend who loves you enough to tell you a hard truth.

SELF-REFLECTION: Do the words I use with my friends speak life into them?

4) Spiritually healthy friendships promote sanctification (Prov. 27:17).

SELF-REFLECTION: Who in my life am I sharpening?

Passage for Next Week: Acts 9:36-43

