

## A GUY'S FRIEND: FOOTBALL & FOXHOLES

### *Authentic Friends*

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1. Friendship: part of \_\_\_\_\_ for life

a. Friends:

- Help each other in difficulty. *Ecclesiastes 4:10;*  
*Proverbs 18:24*
- Tell each other the truth—even if it hurts.  
*Proverbs 27:6*
- Are emotional anchors. *Proverbs 17:17*
- Add delight to life. *Proverbs 27:9*

2. Guys do friendship in a \_\_\_\_\_ way.

a. Men's friendships tend to be:

- Segmented.
- Activity centered.
- Of different kinds...
  - Activity friends.
  - Convenience friends.
  - Mentor friends.

b. Women do friendship by \_\_\_\_\_  
about themselves.

c. Men do friendship by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

d. Men build \_\_\_\_\_ in the doing.

e. Men express:

- \_\_\_\_\_ by helping each other.
- \_\_\_\_\_ through razzing and  
backslapping.

f. When men talk, they:

- Avoid deeply personal things.
- Prefer topics like cars or sports.
- May be silent for a time.

3. Thoughts on forming friendships

a. \_\_\_\_\_ and select.

- Your friends will shape your life. *Proverbs 27:17*
- Pick your friends, pick your future.  
*Proverbs 13:20*
- Screen out the wrong kind.
  - Angry friends teach you anger.  
*Proverbs 22:24-25*
  - Foolish friends bring trouble. *Proverbs 13:20*
  - Bad company ruins your morals.  
*1 Corinthians 15:33*

b. Trust and \_\_\_\_\_. *Proverbs 14:15*

- Deceptive “friends” will betray you.  
*Psalms 55:12-14*

c. If you want friends, \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Proverbs 18:1*

4. You can be the friend of \_\_\_\_\_. *John 15:14*

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