



DEVELOPING A FRIENDSHIP

1. **Acquaintance**

- a. Be alert to each new person around you.
- b. Have a cheerful, friendly countenance - smile.
- c. Learn and remember his name.
- d. Greet him by his name.
- e. Ask him appropriate questions which reflect interest and acceptance.
- f. Be a good listener.
- g. Remind yourself of the interest God has for him.

2. **Casual Friendship**

- a. Discover his strong points.
- b. Learn about the hopes and desires he has for his life.
- c. Develop and ask him appropriate specific questions.
- d. Show interest and concern if he shares problems with you.
- e. Be honest about yourself and acknowledge your faults to him when appropriate.
- f. Reflect interest and trustworthiness in being his friend.
- g. Talk with God about him and his needs.

3. **Close Friendship**

- a. See potential achievement in his life.
- b. Discover and discuss the specific goals he has.
- c. Assume a personal responsibility for the development of his goals.
- d. Discern the conflicts which hinder the development of these goals.
- e. Be creative in designing projects which would help him achieve these goals.
- f. Learn how to build his interest for the projects you have developed for him.
- g. Be alert to Scripture which would encourage or guide him.

4. **Intimate Friendship**

- a. Learn how to give comfort to him through his trials and sorrows.
- b. Assume personal responsibility for his reputation.
- c. Be sensitive to traits and attitudes which need improvement in yourself and him.
- d. Discern basic causes of character deficiencies.
- e. Build interest for correction of these deficiencies. Ask him to tell you about your faults.
- f. Search the Scriptures for keys to a solution.
- g. Be committed to faithfulness, loyalty and availability.