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1. Acceptance Leads to _____.

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Corinthians 15:33)

2. Since Friendships Can Be _____, We Need Guardrails.

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3. How Can I Recognize When a Friendship Is Dangerous?

A. It's Dangerous When Your Friends Have Lower Standards and _____ Than You.

Do not make friends with a hot tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared. (Proverbs 22:24 25)

B. It's Dangerous When Your Friends Lead You to _____ That You Are Somebody That You Are Not.

A wise man fears the Lord and shuns evil, but a fool is hotheaded and reckless. (Proverbs 14:16)

C. It's Dangerous When Your Friends _____ You to Compromise.

Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly. (Proverbs 17:12)

D. It's Dangerous When You Say, "I'll Go, But I Won't _____."

...a companion of fools suffers harm. (Proverbs 13:20)

E. It's Dangerous When You Want to Keep a Friendship Secret from the People Who _____ About You the Most.

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Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize Proverbs 13:20.
- What regrets in your life came from your experience with the wrong kind of friends?
- What would it take for you to make your relationship with God more important than your unhealthy friendships?
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *Safe People* by Henry Cloud.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.