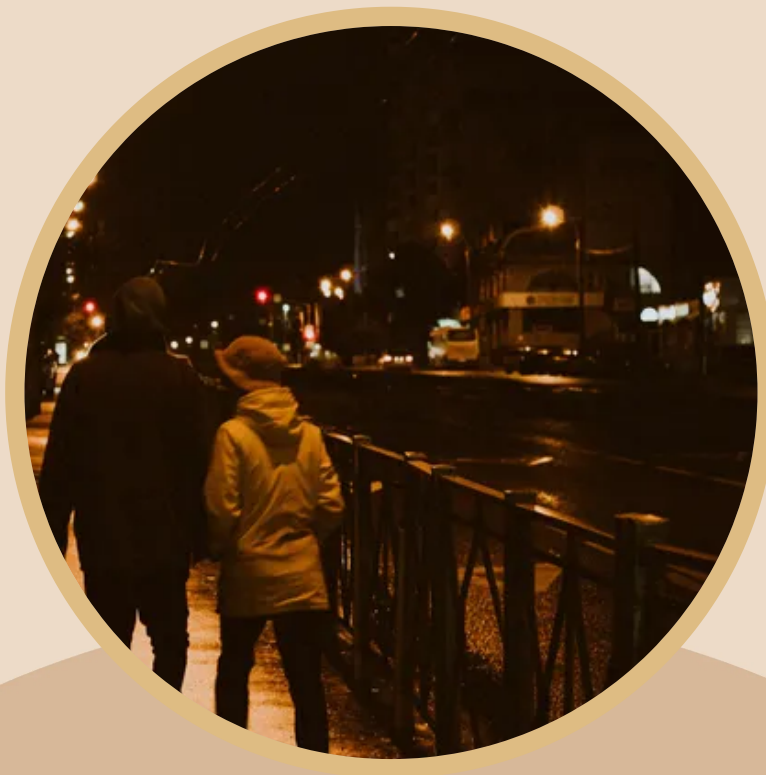




# Living Faithfully as a Single Friend



Discover how to be a godly friend while single, embracing purpose, love, and community in your unique season of life.

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## Introduction

The journey of single life is often viewed through the lens of what's missing, but it is truly a rich and vital season full of opportunity. In this study, we will explore how to embrace the single life through the calling of friendship — cultivating godly character, meaningful connections, and intentional love toward others. **Being a godly friend** while single is more than just companionship; it is about reflecting Christ's love in authentic, impactful ways.

When you are single, your relational emphasis can shift toward deepening friendships and community. Jesus himself valued friendship highly, choosing disciples and loved ones with whom He shared life. As a single believer, you are uniquely positioned to pour into others, serve with fewer constraints, and foster encouragement without distraction.

This *five-day study* invites you to consider what it means to be a friend who embodies grace, patience, and faithfulness. Together, we will look closely at Scripture to define the marks of godly friendship, explore practical ways to grow spiritually and relationally, and find joy and purpose in your current season. **Whether by choice or circumstance, single life is no time to withdraw; it's a powerful opportunity to shine the light of Christ through the gift of godly friendship.**

Join us as we discover how to be the kind of friend who reflects God's heart, making the most of this unique and blessed season.





## Day 1: Embracing Friendship's Calling



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## Your Verse

*John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 17:17 - "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."*
- *Ecclesiastes 4:9 - "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."*



Day 1: 🧡 Embracing Friendship's Calling

## Devotional: The Heart of True Friendship

**Friendship is a divine gift** and a sacred calling. Jesus defines the highest form of love as one willing to sacrifice for friends. As someone living the single life, you have a unique opportunity to invest deeply in those around you without divided priorities. *To embrace friendship as a calling* means recognizing its value in God's kingdom and committing to be present, loyal, and loving.

In Proverbs, we see that friends are not just companions in good times but anchors through challenges. Your support can mirror Christ's steadfastness in a world often quick to abandon. Ecclesiastes reminds us that fellowship produces fruitfulness; by walking alongside others, you contribute to God's work in their lives and yours.

Today, consider how choosing to live as a godly friend can transform your single season from one of waiting or loneliness into one full of purpose and abundant connection. Let your love reflect the sacrificial and steadfast love Jesus showed—with no exceptions.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do I currently view the role of friendship in my life as a single person?

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2. In what ways can I reflect Christ's sacrificial love in my friendships?

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3. What obstacles keep me from fully embracing the calling to be a godly friend?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a friend who models godly love and what you admire most about them.

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2. List ways you can invest more intentionally in one specific friendship this week.

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3. Reflect on how Jesus' sacrifice inspires your approach to friendship.

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Day 1: 🧡 Embracing Friendship's Calling

## Prayer for Today

**Lord, thank You for the gift of friendship.** Help me to love with a selfless heart and to be present for those around me. Teach me how to lay down my own desires to serve others well. May my friendships reflect Your grace and endurance, and may I find joy and purpose in this calling as a single person. *Guide me in being the friend You desire me to be,* strengthening the bonds I have and encouraging me when I feel lonely. In Jesus' name, Amen.





## Day 2: Growing in Godly Character



## Your Verse

*Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 13:4 - "Love is patient, love is kind..."*
- *Philippians 2:3 - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*



## Devotional: Fruitful Friendship Through the Spirit

The foundation of being a godly friend is growing in **Christlike character**. Galatians outlines the fruit of the Spirit—attributes that shape how we relate and respond. When single, you have abundant opportunity to cultivate these qualities deeply, allowing your life and friendships to be marked by *love, kindness, faithfulness, and self-control*.

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that love is patient and kind, essential qualities for enduring friendships and healthy relationships. Humility, as emphasized in Philippians, invites us to put others first—a radical posture that honors God and blesses friends.

As you intentionally seek the Spirit's fruit to grow in your life, your friendships will reflect God's heart and bring encouragement and healing. Being single is not a pause on growth but a fertile season for character development that will bless many.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Which fruit of the Spirit do I find easiest to show in friendships? Which do I struggle with?

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2. How can humility change the way I relate to my friends?

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3. In what ways does growing in godly character prepare me to be a better friend?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Identify one fruit of the Spirit to focus on developing this week and how you will do so.

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2. Write about a friendship strengthened by patience or kindness in your life.

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3. Reflect on moments when humility positively impacted your relationships.

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Day 2: 🌱 Growing in Godly Character

## Prayer for Today

**Dear Holy Spirit,** cultivate in me the fruit that honors You and blesses those I love. Help me to grow in patience, kindness, humility, and faithfulness as I walk in single life. May my character reflect Jesus, making my friendships a source of encouragement and love. Strengthen me where I am weak and guide me to respond in ways that glorify You. Thank You for Your work in me and through me, for I trust Your transforming power. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*





## Day 3: Communicating with Grace





## Your Verse

*Ephesians 4:29 – "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 15:1 – "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."*
- *James 1:19 – "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."*



## Devotional: Words That Strengthen Friendships

Communication is the lifeblood of all relationships, especially friendships. **Speaking with grace and truth** builds trust and fosters community. As a single believer, your words can be a powerful tool for encouraging others and strengthening bonds.

Ephesians reminds us to avoid unwholesome talk and instead speak only what builds others up. This discipline guards against gossip, negativity, and careless speech. Proverbs teaches us the power of gentle answers to calm conflict, while James advises being quick to listen and slow to anger.

Practice these principles in your friendships: listen actively, speak kindly, and respond with patience. This conscious communication honors God and creates a safe space for growth. In the single season, your words can be a way to minister to many hearts and foster lasting, godly friendships.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does my communication style affect my friendships?

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2. Are there ways I need to adjust what or how I speak to build others up?

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3. How well do I listen in my conversations, and how might improving this deepen my friendships?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a time when someone's words encouraged you. What made those words impactful?

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2. Write about a friendship you'd like to improve through better communication and what changes you can make.

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3. Reflect on ways you can listen more attentively today.

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Day 3: 💬 Communicating with Grace

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, teach me to speak words that heal and encourage. Help me to listen deeply and respond with patience and love. Guard my mouth from harmful speech and guide my tongue to build others up. May my communication be a reflection of Your grace and truth, fostering friendship and unity. Give me wisdom in every conversation, and may my words bring life to those around me. *In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*





## Day 4: 💞 Loving Selflessly



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## Your Verse

*1 John 4:7 - "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Romans 12:10 - "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*
- *John 13:34 - "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."*



## Devotional: Reflecting God's Love to Friends

At the core of godly friendship is **selfless love**, a love that reflects God Himself. 1 John reminds us that love originates with God — a perfect, sacrificial love that calls us to mirror it in our relationships.

Romans instructs believers to honor one another above themselves, an attitude that requires humility and deliberate action. Jesus summarized this love in John, commanding us to love others as He has loved us, which includes grace, forgiveness, and kindness.

Being single provides the freedom to love without distraction, enabling you to be present in tangible ways. Choosing to put your friends' needs before your own, just as Christ does for you, is a powerful testimony to God's work in your life. Loving selflessly fosters deep bonds and creates a community where everyone feels valued and cherished.





## Reflect and Apply

1. How can I better reflect God's love in my friendships today?

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2. In what ways am I tempted to put my desires above others, and how can I change this?

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3. What are practical ways I can show selfless love to my friends this week?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when someone loved you selflessly and how it impacted you.

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2. List specific actions you can take to show Christlike love to your friends.

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3. Reflect on the freedom being single gives you to love others well.

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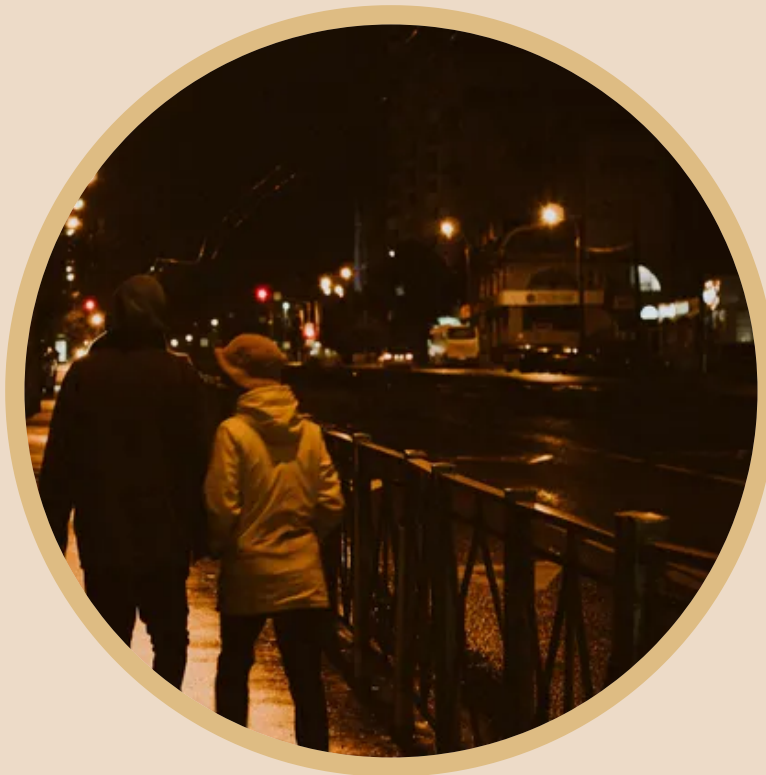
## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, thank You for loving me first and calling me to love others in return. Help me to love selflessly and to honor my friends above myself. May I embody the grace, patience, and kindness of Jesus in every interaction. Teach me to give freely without expecting in return, and let my love be a witness of Your presence in my life. Strengthen me to follow Your example faithfully. *In Christ's name, Amen.*





## Day 5: ✨ Flourishing in Singleness



## Your Verse

*1 Corinthians 7:32 – "I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the Lord's affairs—how to please the Lord."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 68:6 – "God sets the lonely in families."*
- *Isaiah 43:4 – "Because you are precious and honored in my sight..."*



## Devotional: Joy and Purpose in Single Seasons

Singleness is often misunderstood as a state of lack or waiting, but Scripture reveals it as a season of unique blessing and freedom. Paul encourages believers to embrace singleness as a time to focus wholeheartedly on pleasing the Lord, free from divided concerns.

God is a God who values community and connection, setting the lonely in families as Psalm 68 declares. Even in singleness, you are precious, honored, and deeply valued by Him (Isaiah 43).

Living as a godly friend flourishes when we recognize the beauty in our season. Your single life is a platform to cultivate love, invest in friendships deeply, and serve within your community. As you embrace your identity and purpose in Christ, your friendships gain depth and your influence expands.

**Celebrate your single season** as a vibrant chapter full of growth, ministry, and joy. Let God's peace free you from anxieties and open your heart to flourish as a godly friend and believer.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Do I embrace singleness as a time to focus on God's purposes? Why or why not?

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2. How can I find joy and contentment in my season of life?

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3. What steps can I take to grow friendships and serve others with the freedom singleness provides?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on what singleness means to you and how God might want to use this season.

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2. Write about ways you can channel your time and energy into serving friends and community.

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3. Note any anxieties or concerns you have about being single and bring them to God in prayer.

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Day 5: ✨ Flourishing in Singleness

## Prayer for Today

Lord, I thank You for the gift of this single season. Fill me with peace and purpose, helping me to embrace the freedom You provide to focus on You and on loving others well. Teach me to find joy in Your presence and to flourish in godly friendships. May I serve wholeheartedly and shine Your light through my life. Calm my anxieties, Lord, and remind me that I am precious and honored in Your sight. *Thank You for walking beside me every step of the way.* Amen.





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