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First Step to being a "True Friend" -
Self-Inventory.....

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Applied: What do you have grievances or bitterness toward? Are you blaming God? Are you unforgiving to others? Ask God to help you search your heart and reveal areas you're struggling with. Seek forgiveness.

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Ephesians 3 Theme: To know and love
Jesus more!.....

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Ephesians 3:17-19

¹⁷So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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Ephesians 4 Themes
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 1) Unity in everything comes through Jesus.
 (4:2-4)

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²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—


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 1) Unity in everything comes through Jesus.
 2) ^(4:2-4) A transformed life leads to transformed relationships.
 (4:17-24, 25-32)

Ephesians 4:17-24

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¹⁷Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰But that is not the way you learned Christ!— ²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴to put on the new self, created after

Ephesians 4:17-24

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²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Ephesians 4:25-29

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³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:30-32

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 1) Unity in everything comes through Jesus.
 (4:2-4) 2) A transformed life leads to transformed relationships.
 (4:17-24, 25-32)
Applied: What do you expect from relationships? Are you seeking healthy, transforming relationships – or – do you guard yourself from potential hurt or disappointment? This week, be real with your expectations for every relationship you have, and write them down. This will help you see the areas that are healthy, and areas that you can work on, toward improving your relationships.

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Ephesians 5 Themes

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Checkpoint One- Imitate God (5:1)

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¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

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Checkpoint One- Imitate God (5:1)
Checkpoint Two- Please God in your actions and motives (5:10, 15-18)

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¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

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¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

Ephesians 5:15-18



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Checkpoint One- Imitate God (5:1)

Checkpoint Two- Please God in your actions and motives (5:10, 15-18)

Checkpoint Three- Strive to thank God for all circumstances and people (5:20)



²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Ephesians 5:20



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Checkpoint Three- Strive to thank God for all circumstances and people (5:20)

Checkpoint Four- Respect everyone at all times (5:21)



²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21



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Applied: Reflect on today's teaching. What actions do you need to take to become more Christ-like and build healthier relationships.

