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## “B. F. F.” (Part 3)

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(David & Jonathan)

### 7 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS (F.R.I.E.N.D.S.) ...

**F**RIENDS ARE FRIENDS FOREVER - IF CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP

**R**EMEMBER CHRIST’S WORDS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

**I**MPORTANT: BE A FRIEND IF YOU’RE GOING TO MAKE A FRIEND

**E**NCOURAGE EACH OTHER IN THE LORD

**N**EEDS OF OTHERS COME FIRST

**D**ON’T BE JEALOUS

“Love is not jealous.” (1 Corinthians 13:4, New Living)

“Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?” (Proverbs 27:4)

“You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly?” (1 Cor. 3:3)

“Saul was very angry. ‘They have credited David with tens of thousands,’ he thought, ‘but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?’ And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.” (1 Samuel 18:5-9, p.204)

### AN ANATOMY OF JEALOUSY...

- à The root of jealousy is insecurity
- à Developing a healthy Biblical self-concept: comparing ourselves (appearance, abilities, parents, environment) with the inward character of Jesus Christ in order to receive God’s approval.
- à Developing an unhealthy self-concept: comparing ourselves against the outward standards of those around us in order to gain their approval.
- à Dealing with jealousy
  1. Seek help from God
  2. Deal with the root (insecurity)
  3. Ask forgiveness of the one of whom you’re jealous, and begin to pray for them.

### SPACE

“Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house ~ too much of you, and he will hate you.” (Proverbs 25:17)

“Speak the truth in love.” (Ephesians 4:15)

*Successful relationships are not so much “finding” the right person ~ but “being” the right person!*