

That what friends are for

**2 Chronicles 24
May 26, 2019**

Joash around godly people

- **Focused on the temple**
- **Zealous for the temple**
- **Stewardship**
- **Restoring others to God**

The Bible on community

- **The life of Jesus**
- **Love your neighbor**
- **Verses about intentional relationships**

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

James 5:16

16 Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

Proverbs 27:17

**As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.**

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens, and in
this way you will fulfill the law of
Christ.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

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Joash around ungodly people

- **Turns away from God**
- **Not open to the word of God**
- **Cold-hearted and ungrateful**
- **Forsaken by God**

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

Proverbs 13:20

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.

1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

Proverbs 18:1 (NKJV)

**A man who isolates himself
seeks his own desire;**

**He rages against all wise
judgment.**

Takeaways

- 1. Find some godly people.**
- 2. Stay in community with them.**
- 3. Be real with them.**
- 4. Don't let hypocrites be closer to God than you.**