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- ◆ Worldliness -
- ◆ Materialism -
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- ◆ Individualism -
- ◆ Entertainment -

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FRIENDS



DIFFERENT LEVELS OF FRIENDSHIP:

- ◆ Casual Friends
- ◆ Close Friends
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Proverbs 18:24 (NKJV)

²⁴ A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

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1 Samuel 20:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

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KEY ELEMENTS:



◆ Love

◆ Consistency

**Proverbs 17:17
(NKJV)**

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

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KEY ELEMENTS:



- ◆ Love
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Loyalty

Proverbs 11:13 (NKJV)

¹³ A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

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KEY ELEMENTS:



- ◆ Love
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Loyalty
- ◆ Honesty

Proverbs 28:23 (NKJV)

²³ He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

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KEY ELEMENTS:



- ◆ Love
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Loyalty
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Wisdom

1 Corinthians 15:33
(NKJV)

³³ Do not be
deceived: "Evil
company corrupts
good habits."

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KEY ELEMENTS:



- ◆ Love
- ◆ Consistency
- ◆ Loyalty
- ◆ Honesty
- ◆ Wisdom

The devil wants you to have friends that will - Use you, Lure you into sin & Discourage you!

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BRETHREN:

DESCRIPTIVE TERMS:

- ◆ **Community** - Eph 2:12;
- ◆ **One body** – Eph. 2:16
- ◆ **Fellow citizens** – Eph 2:19
- ◆ **Household of God** – Eph 2:19
- ◆ **Temple** – Eph 2:21

Luke 8:20-21 (NKJV)

²¹ But He answered and said to them, "**My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.**"

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BRETHREN:

1 John 5:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.



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BRETHREN:

KEY ELEMENTS:

◆ Our Calling

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)


¹ I, therefore, the
prisoner of the Lord,
beseech you to walk
worthy of the calling
with which you were
called,

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BRETHREN:

KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ Our Calling
- ◆ Humility
- ◆ Gentleness
- ◆ Longsuffering
- ◆ Supportive Love



Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)
2 with all lowliness
and gentleness,
with longsuffering,
bearing with one
another in love,

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- ◆ Our Calling
- ◆ Humility
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- ◆ Supportive Love
- ◆ Effort

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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- ◆ Supportive Love
- ◆ Effort
- ◆ Same Foundation

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)

⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit. . . one hope of your calling;* ⁵ *one Lord, one faith, one baptism;* ⁶ *one God and Father of all, . . .*

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1 Peter 1:22 (NKJV)

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

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BRETHREN:

ARE WE
DOING ALL
WE CAN TO
PRESERVE AND
ENRICH OUR
RELATIONSHIP
AS CHILDREN
OF GOD?

James 5:19-20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,
²⁰ let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

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MARRIAGE:

EVERYTHING
THAT PERTAINS
TO THE
PREVIOUS
RELATIONSHIPS!



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MARRIAGE:

KEY ELEMENTS:

◆ Undying
Commitment!

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed-- ⁵ Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

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MARRIAGE:

KEY ELEMENTS:

◆ Undying
Commitment!

Psalm 15:1-4 (NKJV)

¹ . . . LORD, who may abide
in Your tabernacle? Who
may dwell in Your holy hill?

² He who . . . speaks the
truth in his heart; . . . He
who swears to his own hurt
and does not change;

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MARRIAGE:

KEY ELEMENTS:

◆ Undying
Commitment!

Malachi 2:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ . . . the LORD has been
witness Between you and the
wife of your youth, With
whom you have dealt
treacherously; Yet she is
your companion And your
wife by covenant.

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MARRIAGE:

KEY ELEMENTS:

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Matthew 19:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ and said, '*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*'?

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Commitment!

Matthew 19:5-6 (NKJV)

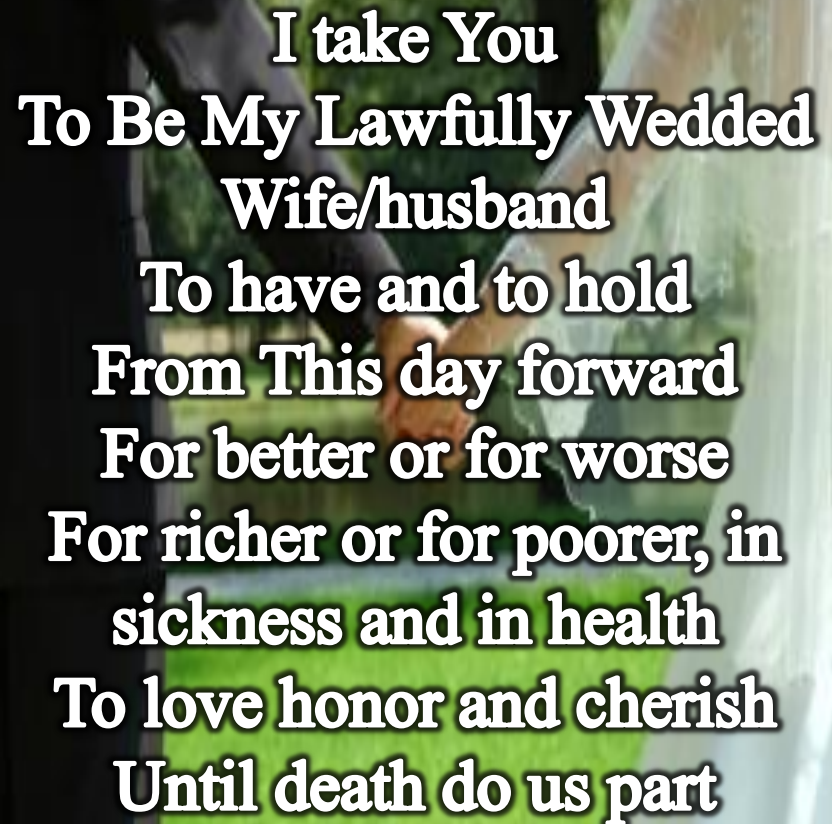
⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

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MARRIAGE:

KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ Undying
Commitment!
- ◆ Remember
Your Vows?

A photograph of a couple holding hands outdoors, with a man in a dark shirt and a woman in a light-colored dress. The background is a soft-focus green field.

I take You
To Be My Lawfully Wedded
Wife/husband
To have and to hold
From This day forward
For better or for worse
For richer or for poorer, in
sickness and in health
To love honor and cherish
Until death do us part

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CHILDREN OF GOD:

KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ The Truth!
- ◆ Faith!

John 17:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your
truth. Your word is truth.

John 8:32

Romans 10:14-17

2 Thessalonians 2:13,14

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CHILDREN OF GOD:

KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ The Truth!
- ◆ Faith!
- ◆ Obedience!

Galatians 3:26-27 (NKJV)

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

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KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ The Truth!
- ◆ Faith!
- ◆ Obedience!

John 15:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

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CHILDREN OF GOD:

KEY ELEMENTS:

- ◆ The Truth!
- ◆ Faith!
- ◆ Obedience!
- ◆ Perseverance!

1 Cor. 15:58 (NKJV)

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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PRESERVED IN CHRIST:



- ◆ Friends
- ◆ Brethren
- ◆ Marriage
- ◆ Children of God

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