

HOW TO BE A FRIEND

Can You Relate? – Part 1

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James 1:19

"Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry."

James 1:19 (LB)

THE SECRET OF FRIENDSHIP

1. BE QUICK TO LISTEN.

"...don't ever forget that it is best to listen much..." James 1:19 (LB)

"He who answers before listening—that is his folly and his shame."

Proverbs 18:3 (NIV)

2. BE SLOW TO SPEAK.

"A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue." Proverbs 11:12 (NIV)

"A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurts out folly." Proverbs 12:23 (NIV)

"He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin." Proverbs 13:3 (NIV)

"Watch your words and hold your tongue; you'll save yourself a lot of grief."

Proverbs 21:23 (Mess)

"Do you see a man who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for him." Proverbs 29:20 (NIV)

"When words are many, sin is not absent; but he who hold his tongue is wise."

Proverbs 10:19 (NIV)

3. BE SLOW TO ANGER.

"It is better to be slow-tempered than famous; it is better to have self-control than control an army." Proverbs 16:32 (LB)

"The fool who provokes his family to anger and resentment will finally have nothing worthwhile left." Proverbs 11:29 (LB)

"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control."

Proverbs 29:11 (NIV)