

FORCE OF HABIT #6
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“He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8 NIV

“Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” James 2:12-13 NIV

“So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?” Luke 6:46 NLT

MY HABITS REFLECT _____.

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THE HABIT OF CONNECTING WITH MEN WHO BELIEVE...

“Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” 2 Timothy 2:22 NIV

RUN _____.

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IT IS A _____!

“Thus you will walk in the ways of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous.” Proverbs 2:20

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES _____.

“Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 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.” Hebrews 10:23-24 NIV

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42 NASB

The congregation in Antioch was blessed with a number of prophet-preachers and teachers: Barnabas, Simon, nicknamed Niger, Lucius the Cyrenian, Manaen, an advisor to the ruler Herod, Saul. One day as they were worshiping God—they were also fasting as they waited for guidance—the Holy Spirit spoke: “Take Barnabas and Saul and commission them for the work I have called them to do.” So they commissioned them. In that circle of intensity and obedience, of fasting and praying, they laid hands on their heads and sent them off. Acts 13:1-3 MSG

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES _____.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17 NIV

“My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; the one whose walk is blameless will minister to me.” Psalm 101:6-7 NIV

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES _____.

“He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.” Proverbs 28:13 NASB

“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.” James 5:16 NIV

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES _____.

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Phillipians 2:1-2 NIV

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.” Psalm 133 MSG

SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP INVOLVES _____.

“Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.” Proverbs 27:5-6 NIV

“Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it, for my prayer will still be against the deeds of evildoers.” Psalm 141:5 NIV

WHO AM I RUNNING THE RACE OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH?

“Don’t you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.” 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 NLT

Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” 1 Samuel 20:42 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

WHO IS A MAN IN YOUR LIFE YOU WOULD CALL A SPIRITUAL MENTOR OR FRIEND? WHY?

THE BIBLE SAYS CONNECTION WITH MEN WHO BELIEVE IS A COMMAND: WHY DO YOU THINK GOD GAVE THIS HABIT SUCH A HIGH PRIORITY?

HOW DID JESUS MODEL THIS HABIT? WHAT WAS THE RESULT?

WHICH ASPECT OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP HITS HOME WITH YOU? WHY?

WHAT SPECIFIC ACTION STEP IS TODAY’S STUDY ENCOURAGING YOU TO TAKE?

