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You Have The Right To Godly Relationships

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"A man that hath friends must shew
himself friendly." - Proverbs 18:24a.

Imagine, if you will, that you are at a party. Tunes are blasting. People are dancing. You can barely hear yourself think for the chatter. Faces you barely recognize are scattered throughout the house and outside. Your friends are there somewhere. As you look for them, you are stopped by a stranger, who offers you a drink and wants to "talk" in one of the bedrooms. You smile at him, but inside you feel like running for the door or hiding in the restroom. You feel uncomfortable and out of place.

Did you know that you have the right to believe God for godly friends? Friends who wouldn't put you in situations like the one above?

In the Bible, we find the story of David and Jonathan. Jonathan was King Saul's son. David was a shepherd boy that God had anointed to replace King Saul. Jonathan could have been very upset with David. After all, he was supposed to take over the throne when his father died, the position was rightfully his. Instead he became friends with David. Best friends. When Jonathan's father plotted to kill David, Jonathan helped David hide.

1 Samuel 18: 1-4 tells us, "After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt."

Jonathan was symbolizing that whatever was his was now David's and vice versa. That is what a covenant commitment is. It means that whatever you have is your covenant partner's and whatever is his is yours.

We have a covenant with God. So everything we have is His and everything He has is ours. That is why we have certain rights as His children of covenant, and it is our option whether or not to activate those rights. For example: if you are old enough, you can obtain your driver's license. However, if you decide not to take the tests to get it, you will not receive your driver's license. That's the same way with God's covenant--if you do not take the necessary steps to exercise your rights, you will do without.

If you want godly friends, the first thing you must do is pray that God guides you in selecting who and who you will not hang out with.

Then do what Proverbs 18:24a instructs you to do. "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly."

How do you show yourself friendly? Smiling at people. Helping people who need your assistance. Going the extra mile for people. Attending club and group activities. Getting involved in the community and in your church. Treat others as you would like them to treat you, and you will be well on your way to creating godly friendships.