

Man-to-Man

Men Strengthening Men in God

Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David... and strengthened his hand in God.

Ten Marks of a Good (godly, tenacious, Christ-directed) Friend

John Newton and William Cowper: a friend in the fire - Prov. 17:17

Do you have a friend like that? Are you a friend like that? Could you become a friend like that?

- 1. Holy Spirit Empowerment** - 1 Sam. 20:23; 23:14b-16; Gal. 5:22-23
- 2. Intentional Initiative** – 1 Sam. 23:16; 18:3-4
- 3. Godly Love and Loyalty** (deeply valuing the relationship)
 - a. It must be God-given and God-replenished** - 1 John 4:7
 - b. It is faithful** (tenacious) (like God's *Hesed* love) = 1 Sam 20:17
 - c. It is not withered, but strengthened, by adversity** - 1 Sam 19:2; Prov. 17:17
- 4. Confidentiality** – Prov. 17:9; 20:19
- 5. Attentive Listening** - James 1:19; Nehemiah 8:3
- 6. Open, Honest Sharing** - 2 Cor. 6:11,13; Col. 3:9
- 7. Gentle and Kind Handling of Each Other's "Fine China"** -Prov. 12:18; Is. 50:4a
- 8. Discernment Without Condemnation** - Luke 6:37; John 7:24; Phil. 1:9; Gal. 6:1-2
- 9. Being Teachable and Humble** – Eccles. 4:13; Prov. 13:10; Ps. 141:5a; Is. 66:2b
- 10. Effort and Perseverance** (Fueled by Love and Hope) - Col. 3:12-14; Gal. 6:9

