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- Children have more need of models than of critics.
- When weighing the faults of others, be careful not to put your thumb on the scale!
- Correcting faults is like tying a tie. We can do it more easily on ourselves than on others.
- The Bible will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from the Bible.
- No life is too broken for God to repair.
- When Christians work together, they divide the effort and multiply the effect.
- Blaming your faults on your nature does not change the nature of your faults!
- Swallowing of pride seldom causes indigestion.
- Bless God for what you have. Trust God for what you need. In all things, pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 via Bulletin Gold www.bulletingold.com

A FRIEND

I went out to find a friend,
But could not find one there.
I went out to be a friend
And friends were everywhere.

Author Unknown

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Thanks be Unto God

We praise (Heb. 13:15-16), preach (Rom. 8:28) and pray (1 Tim. 2:1) about God's great giving and goodness. He is the giver of every good and perfect gift (Jam. 1:17). For all His goodness we are eternally thankful! What are some of the great blessings and benefits given to us by God for which we should always be thankful?

Thank God for His goodness (Rom. 2:4). God's goodness is indented to cause man to repent. Oh how good God has been to us when we had no goodness demanding His mercy. Cf. 2 Cor. 7:9-11; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Pet. 3:9.

Thank God for His love (John 3:16). John 3:16 has long been celebrated as a powerful and succinct declaration of the gospel. Of the 31,373 verses in the Bible, it may be the most popular single verse used in evangelism.

Thank God for His gift (2 Cor. 9:15). If we really understand and appreci-ate the "indescribable gift" God has given us, our lives will be saturated with gratitude; we will praise and proclaim His excellences (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

Thank God for His blessings (Eph. 1:3). Paul called for a blessing upon the Father (in the sense of recognizing His glory, honor and goodness), be-cause the Father has already blessed the Christian with every spiritual bless-ing. For physical and spiritual blessings, Christians should be thankful.

Thank God for His grace & mercy (Titus 2:11-12). The ancient Greek word for teaching has in mind what a parent does for a child. It speaks of the entire training process: teaching, encouragement, correction, and discipline. Grace is a teacher in this sense and a powerful teacher it is.

Thank God for His promises (2 Peter 1:4). God's promises are both ex-ceedingly great (in the sense of being large and imposing), and they are precious, in the sense of being valuable. We might break a promise, but not God!

Thank God for His word (2 Tim. 3:16). With great spiritual power be-yond our intellect...

- The Bible gives us eternal life (1 Peter 1:23).
- The Bible spiritually cleanses us (Ephesians 5:26).
- The Bible gives us power against demonic powers (Ephesians 6:17).
- The Bible brings us spiritual strength (Psalm 119:28).
- The Bible builds faith in us (Rom. 10:17).

CONCLUSION: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

"I Don't Have Any Friends"

David Wright

"I don't have any friends" is a complaint that makes a parent's heart ache. Mom and dad can provide all kinds of things—nourishing food, warm clothes, medical care, a loving home environment. But parents cannot force other kids to befriend their children. How do children (and adults) make and keep good friends? Jonathan's relationship with David suggests the following guidelines:

Be Selfless. After the defeat of Goliath, Jonathan "made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul" (1 Sam. 18:3). As son of King Saul, Jonathan knew that the throne of Israel rightly belonged to himself. But he also knew that the Lord had chosen David to succeed Saul. Most men would have keenly resented this, but Jonathan didn't. One time he told David that "you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you" (23:17). This commendable attitude creates friendship almost anywhere—on the playground, in the office, or in the church.

Be Honest. Perceiving David as a threat to the throne, King Saul tried to kill him. Once David asked Jonathan, "What is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" (1 Sam. 20:1). Jonathan replied, "Why should my father hide this from me? It is not so" (v. 2). Actually, it was so. Jonathan was mistaken. But he wasn't dishonest. He had told David what he sincerely believed. Upon discovering his error, Jonathan promptly corrected himself. As Americans become increasingly comfortable with lying, relationships grow weaker. True and lasting friendship is built on mutual trust. When friends lie to each other, that foundation cracks and crumbles.

Be Affectionate. When Jonathan learned that his friend was indeed in danger, they both realized that David would have to go into hiding. Spending time together would no longer be safe. At parting "they kissed one another, and wept with one another" (1 Sam. 20:41). In its cultural context, this kiss was equivalent to a manly hug. Many potential friendships never form because people are afraid to say or show how they feel about each other.

SERMONS

Psalm 14:1-7 Science or Religion? (a.m.) A Rest for God's People (p.m.)

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- ¹⁷ And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and Jonathan his son, ¹⁸ and he said it should be taught to the people of Judah; behold, it is written in the Book of Jashar. He said:
 - "Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!
 - Tell it not in Gath,
 publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon,
 lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
 lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.
 - "You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.
 - "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.
 - "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions.
 - "You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.
 - "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!"Jonathan lies slain on your high places.
 - I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women.
 - "How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!" 2 Samuel 1:17-27

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The MNM group will meet Monday Dec 9th. Please sign the sheet if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there.