



a balanced life in our FRIENDSHIPS

"Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."  
Luke 2:52 (NIV)

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REVIEW

What is a balanced life?

- 1) It doesn't mean equal **time**.
- 2) It doesn't mean equal **value**.
- 3) It means a life centered around **Christ**.

**Bible Reading: Acts 9:26-29**  
The friendship of Paul and Barnabas

## Friendship Breakers

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ,

*"The Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them."*

Acts 13:2 (see vs. 4,7)

*"Paul and his companions..." Acts 13:13 (see 13:14,42,43,46)*

Jealousy is desiring what God is doing in \_\_\_\_\_  
while ignoring what God is doing in \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves...they are not wise."*

2 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ,

The Galatians' Situation: Paul confronts Peter about his relationship with Jews and Gentiles.

*"As a result, other Jewish Christians followed Peter's hypocrisy, and even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy." Galatians 2:13 (NLT)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ ,

*"Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,"*

Acts 15:37-39 (NIV)

Sharp disagreement-\_\_\_\_\_ .

## Friendship Builders

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

Proverbs. 18:24

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ."*

Ephesians 4:15 (NIV)

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)*

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