

God Has A Better Plan

(2 Timothy 1:7) *For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.*

(Philippians 4:6) *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

(1 Peter 5:7) *Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*

Root Causes of Stress!

1. Lack of _____!
2. Lack of _____!
3. Lack of _____!
4. Lack of _____ Support!
5. Lack of _____ in God!

(Prov. 13:20) *“Walk with the wise and you will be wise but a companion of fools will suffer harm.*

7 Benefits of Godly Friendships

1. Godly Friendships - Provide new _____.

(1 Samuel 18:1) *After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David.*

2. Godly Friendships - Increases your _____.

(2 Kings 2:9) *When they came to the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I can do for you before I am taken away.” And Elisha replied, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit and become your successor.”*

3. Godly Friendships - Stick with you through ____ & ____.

(Proverbs 18:24) *Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family... closer than a brother.*

4. Godly Friendships - Help you make a Greater _____.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) *Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.*

5. Godly Friendships - provide growth, accountability & _____!

(1 John 4:7) *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

6. Godly Friendships - Make you _____ & Brighter!

(Proverbs 27:17 NLT) *As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.*

7. Godly Friendships - Helps Supply Your _____!

(Acts 27:3) *The next day we landed at Sidon; and Julius, in kindness to Paul, allowed him to go to his friends so they might provide for his needs.*

5 Ways to Create Community & Fellowship!

1. Make an _____ to connect with others!
2. Show yourself _____!
3. Make Time for _____!
4. Be a Part of a _____!
5. Join a _____ Today!