

11 Ways to Lose Friends

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1. Never listen to your friends' point of view.

2. Rave about your accomplishments and boast about how great you are.

3. Be a fickle friend; be insincere and dishonest in your friendships. Play games that you win at your friends' expense.

4. Don't let your friends do things the way they want to. Tell them they'd better take your advice.

5. Use your friends; get all the favors and benefits you can from them.

6. Don't help your friends or try to understand them when they come to you with their troubles. It doesn't matter how they feel or what they do; they're only friends.

7. Always make sure you have the last word in any argument or discussion.

8. Make fun of and criticize your friends every chance you get. Don't think about how you're hurting them.

9. Make all the promises you have to in order to get your friends to do things for you; then don't keep your promises.

10. Flatter your friends. Lay it on thick—especially when they don't deserve flattery or praise. Make sure other kids are around to see your performance and your friends' humiliation.

11. Always correct your friends when you're around other people. Never talk to them alone about their mistakes.

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Youth group is a special place. It's where you develop new friendships; build positive relationships; search out the meaning of your faith; personalize your relationship with Christ; and seek personal understanding and acceptance.

It's also where friendship evangelism begins. Where you can bring a friend to share your faith with. Where you can reach out to someone with Jesus' love.

By reaching out to others, you'll develop friendships that model the biblical understanding of God's love, "There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24) and "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17). Jesus taught his disciples: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" and "I have called you friends" (John 15:13, 15).

The conclusion is simple: Friends bring friends to Christ. Friendship evangelism is your opportunity to share with others a living, personal faith in Jesus Christ. ☐