

Caring for Souls: Being a Biblical Friend

Job 2:11-13

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A. The Mandates to be a Biblical Friend

Proverbs 18:24

1. All of us need to be ministered to by one another
2 Corinthians 1:3-4

2. All of us are called to minister to one another

a) By Christ's command

John 13:34-35, Proverbs 17:17

b) By Christ's example

John 15:12-14

B. The Heart Qualities to be in a Biblical Friend

1. Awareness of need

Job 2:11a, Luke 10:30-37

2. Initiative to meet need

Job 2:11b

C. Actions to be a Biblical Friend

1. Identify with the sufferer

Job 2:11-12, Gal. 6:2, John 20:19-21

2. Comfort the sufferer

Job 2:11, Gen. 50:15-21

D. The Sacrifices necessary to be a Biblical Friend

1. Be available

Job 2:11

2. Be inconvenienced

Job 2:13

3. Be a compassionate listener

Job 2:13, James 1:19