

Your Christian CREW

Genuine friendships are forged in Christ 2 Timothy 4:9–12 Chris Mueller 2-25-2018

Introduction:

Proverbs 17:17a *A friend loves at all times*

Proverbs 18:24 *A man of too many friends comes to ruin, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 27:6 *Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.*

1 Corinthians 15:33 *Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."*

9 *Make every effort to come to me soon; 10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. 12 But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus*

#1 The D Timothy

9 *Make every effort to come to me soon*

1 Corinthians 4:16–17 *I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ.*

Philippians 2:19–20 *I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly...For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare*

2 Timothy 1:3–4 *I thank God...as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy.*

#2 The D Demas

10a *for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica*

1 John 2:15 *If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*

#3 The D _____ Crescens and Titus
10b *Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.*

#4 The D _____ Luke
11a *Only Luke is with me.*

#5 The D _____ Mark
11b *Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service*

#6 The D _____ Tychicus
12 *But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.*

Your crew is crucial to your commitment to Christ and ministry for Christ

Your CREW should include believers who...

1st – are C _____ Christians who pursue Christ with all their heart

2nd – C _____ Christ over you

3rd – share common C _____

4th – enjoy C _____ at the core of their relationships

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How do non-Christians view friendships differently than Christians do?
2. What do you think Paul wanted to talk to Timothy about face to face in Rome—why ask him to make such a long trip?
3. How can different kinds of solid believing friends and fellow ministers be a blessing to you and the church?
4. Do you think Christians are selective enough about the kinds of men or women they have as close friends?
5. Of the categories above, which one describes your friends? What kind of crew members are missing from your life?
6. What steps do you need to take to become a better friend to others around you?
7. How will you pray differently about friendships and fellow ministers because of this example from God's Word?

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