

East Side Church of God

Life Notes

Legos 4 Life--Friends
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Text: Matthew 6:13

Friendship Secret: The foundation of friendship requires us to give **control** of our life to the one person we can truly **trust, God**.

“lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”—Matthew 6:13 (ESV)

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?”—Matthew 16:24-26 (ESV)

Friendship Foundation: God **leads** us through His **Hand** upon our life.

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.—James 1:12-17 (ESV)

Friendship Freedom: Friendship with God frees us from the **bondage** of evil in our life when we encounter God’s **Heart** for us.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. —John 15:12-15 (ESV)

Friendship Focus: God’s **Heart** for us is to **deliver** us from evil because we have been **chosen** to **love**.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.—John 15:16-17 (ESV)