

# BACK-IT-UP <<

**EACH DAY THIS WEEK**, take a look at what else the Bible says about taking a bold stand for God and about the effect that our relationships can have on our influence for Christ.

## **ROMANS 1:16**

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”

**PRACTICE:** What can you do to boldly yet tactfully identify yourself as a follower of Jesus?

**PRAY:** Pray for boldness to start conversations that could lead to talking about Jesus.

## **PROVERBS 28:1 (NLT)**

“The wicked run away when no one is chasing them, but the godly are as bold as lions.”

**PRACTICE:** Have you backed away from a problem or challenge that God wants to help you meet?

**PRAY:** Give God thanks for the power He provides to help you face and overcome any challenge.

## **1 CORINTHIANS 15:33**

“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”

**PRACTICE:** Are you allowing any relationship to pull you down spiritually?

**PRAY:** Ask for wisdom and discernment in choosing close friends and how you behave with them.



## **PROVERBS 27:17**

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”

**PRACTICE:** Who are you sharpening spiritually and inspiring to get closer to God?

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you be a faithful friend who influences others to trust and follow Him.

## **ECCLESIASTES 4:10, 12**

“If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ... Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

**PRACTICE:** What friend of yours needs help or encouragement, and what can you do to lift him or her up?

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you someone you can team up with to more effectively influence others for Christ.

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5:18, 20**

“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ... We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

**PRACTICE:** What can you do to represent Jesus more accurately and effectively and make following Him more appealing to those around you?

**PRAY:** Ask Jesus to help you reflect His character in a way that draws attention to Him.



**We’ll never influence non-Christians to consider Christ if we only spend time with Christian friends. But we must be careful not to get into close relationships with people who pull us away from God.**