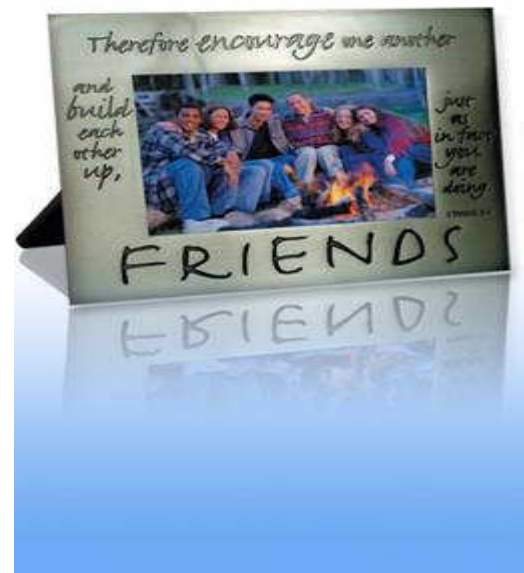


**Annoying Friends**  
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Colossians 3:5-12



### Group Questions

1. Mentally pick two of your closest friends and answer these questions:
  - a. What quality do you most admire about them?
  - b. What makes your friendship work?
2. Mentally pick two people who annoy you:
  - a. Why do they annoy you?
  - b. Is the annoyance due to personality styles or some sinful tendencies?
3. Carefully read Colossians 3:5-10 and describe the paragraph. In this section, Paul lists some of the sinful tendencies we have that come from our flesh. How do these tendencies destroy our relationships?
4. Verse five says to put to death the old nature. In the Sunday sermon, Steve said to "Face your elephant." How many times do you try to "Face your elephant" on your own instead of turning it over to Jesus? Give us an example (both positive and negative).
5. Can we face the brutal truth about ourselves without friends? Explain your answer. What role does Jesus and your friends play together? Or do they?
6. How can you be honest with a friend and gracious at the same time?