

GUARDRAILS
Guarding Your Friendships
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GUARDRAIL: *a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas*

Protect & direct us away from danger

Personal standards of behavior

FRIENDSHIPS

Friends shape the quality and direction of your life

Acceptance leads to influence

13:20 GUARDRAIL—Promise & Warning

“Whoever walks with the wise will become wise; whoever walks with fools will suffer harm.” Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

Promise

Warning

...fools are destroyed by their lack of common sense. Proverbs 10:21(NLT)

Wise people think before they act; fools don't. Proverbs 13:16 (NLT)

Don't waste your breath on fools, for they will despise the wisest advice. Proverbs 23:9 (NLT)

GUARDRAIL CRASHERS

1. I'm not moving in the same direction as my friend(s).
2. I pretend to act like my friend(s) to fit in.
3. I consider my off limits behavior to now be acceptable.
4. I'll go, but I won't participate.
5. I hope the people who care about me won't find out.

GUARDRAIL CHALLENGES

Compassion vs. Compromise

