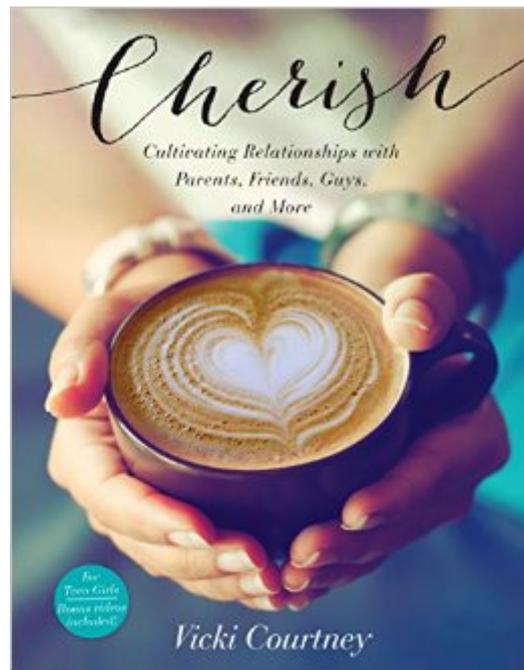


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# Cherish: Cultivating Relationships With Parents, Friends, Guys, And More



## Synopsis

Instead of just surviving relationships, why not cherish them? A teen girl's life is bursting with relationships—hard ones, favorite ones, and ones you would avoid if only you could. In *Cherish*, best-selling author Vicki Courtney offers godly yet timely advice on how to navigate and cultivate relationships with your parents, friends, guys, and everyone else who fills your day. You'll find your questions answered on such topics as: Top 10 friendship killers What to do when your family is falling apart What happens when good girls fall for bad boys How to live in the digital world Why did God put you here anyway?

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## Customer Reviews

I belong to a book review group through B&H Bloggers and am able to acquire books to read at no charge and post reviews. When I saw the topic of the book *Cherish* by Vicki Courtney, I thought of my young granddaughters and was led to check it out. So glad I did. What a wonderful down to earth and easy to read yet deep book on cultivating relationships for teen girls. Courtney addresses relationships with friends, family, self, guys and God in such a simple straightforward way. Courtney poses the question "instead of just surviving relationships, why not cherish them?" In the opening chapter she addresses what makes up a good friend (someone who doesn't ditch you on your worst days, keeps a secret when she should, makes right choices and helps point you to God) and then turns right around and poses the question, What about You? The reader is encouraged to take a moment and examine how they measure up to those four points. I love how she addresses Friendship Fixers—ways to strengthen yourself as a friend and so much more in

this chapter from when itâ™s time to end a friendship, how to survive girl drama, gossip, how to balance out relationships with Christian and non-Christian friends, and my favorite â€œ how to be a real friend in a digital world. Courtney dedicates the final part of the chapter to how to recognize when a friend needs help and when itâ™s critical that you talk to an adult about a friendâ™s issues. Throughout each chapter she splashes scripture and quick quizzes that just really make the book personal. The scriptures are presented in such a way as to not be preachy but to bring that â€œwowâ€• reaction for how there is a Word from God on every topic. On her chapter for family relationships she starts off with a bang, addressing the trust issue.

The week before this book made it to me, I was approached by a mom on how to handle a situation with a girl she knew that was sending inappropriate photos to a boy. After our conversation, she asked if there was any good resource to share and I was at a loss. What book is even up to date enough, I thought, to be able to talk about the expectation girls feel to send photos, better yet all of the other pressures they face? And the very night I received this book I was planning to talk to my girls about relationships with parents, but again was at a loss as to what a good resource would be to be able to share with them. Needless to say, Cherish met me exactly where I needed it to, and if you work with girls, Iâ™m sure it can meet you in the same way. Cherish reads a good bit like Seventeen Magazine to me. Itâ™s full of quizzes, â€œ5 Ways to Know ifâ€•, and other fun articles. Within the topics of Parents, Friends, Guys, and God, Vicki provides a variety of short little articles and snippets that are quick to read, insightful, and hit on a wide variety of topics all geared toward about a 7-9th grade reading level. I L O V E:-This book hits on a wide variety of topics. Specifically within the context of families, Pam Gibbs provides some great insights on and advice for living in a family with non-believing parents, growing up in a blended family, an unsafe home environment, etc. I love seeing a resource that approaches families with some intersectionality.-The boys chapter isnâ™t all about your husband. Few things bother me more than a resource emphasizing the value of purity that solely focus on the effect your present purity will have on your future husband.

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