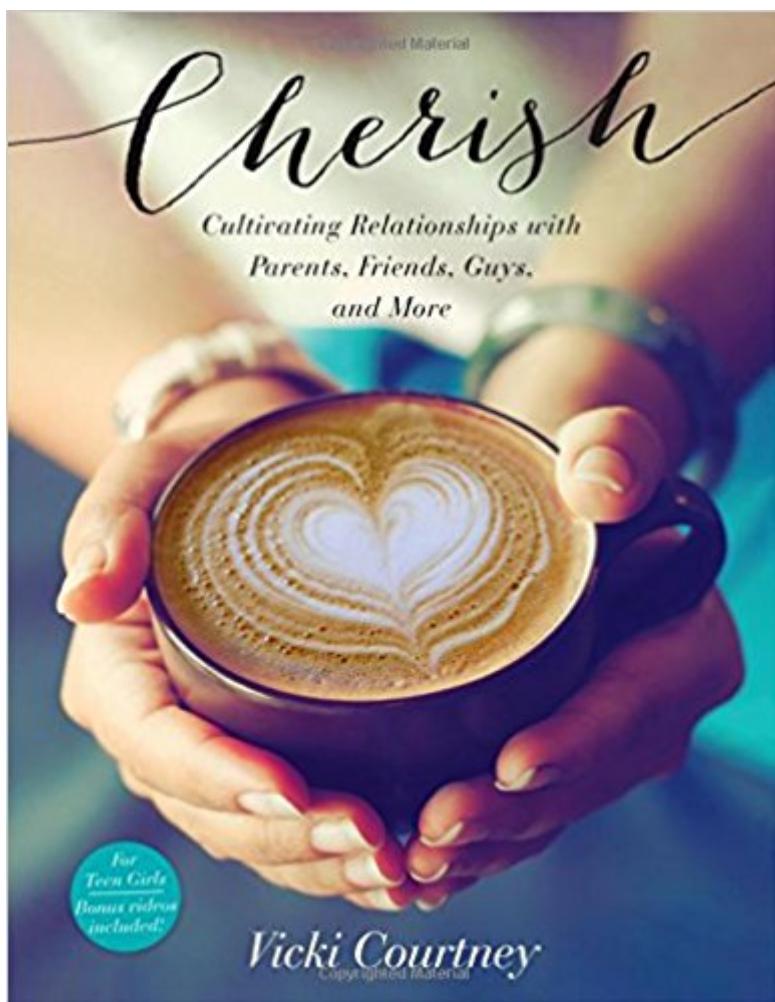


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Cherish: Cultivating Relationships With Parents, Friends, Guys, And More



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

Vicki Courtney is a national speaker to women of all ages and the best-selling author of numerous books and Bible studies including, *Move On*, *Ever After*, *5 Conversations You Must Have With Your Daughter*, and *5 Conversations You Must Have With Your Son*. She is a two-time ECPA Christian Book Award winner and has appeared on CNN and Fox News as a youth culture commentator. Vicki and her husband, Keith, reside in Austin, Texas and are the proud parents of three grown children, two daughter-in-laws and a son-in-law. They also have two grandsons and are blessed to have all their children living nearby in Austin and Houston. More information about Vicki can be found at VickiCourtney.com.

This book is a wonderful portrayal of relationships that are important in life. The graphics make the book a pleasure to read. It is easy for teenagers to enjoy learning from as well as older girls.

However, on the Kindle App it is difficult to read since it is a photo of the two page spread done landscaped and the print is very tiny. The book version is wonderful!

We have used the Cherish book for a girls' Bible Study this summer for 9th and 10th grade. I always love anything written by Vicki Courtney -- practical, Godly wisdom written in an entertaining format. The girls have really enjoyed the discussions and the topics are EXTREMELY relevant to their generation.

The content seems great but I was not able to access the videos that come with it. Maybe because I ordered the Kindle version. Also the font was a little hard to read. So, I ended up returning it. I hope the hard copy works out.

fantastic book for teenagers and moms!

Instead of surviving relationships, why not cherish them? I had the pleasure of reading Cherish by Vicki Courtney and 3 other contributing authors, Pam Gibbs, Susie Davis, and Whitney Prosperi. The book is written to primarily teen girls, but I found myself checking my own habits and thoughts on matters that she wrote about. If you are the parent of a teen girl, you need this book! Vicki separates the content into 5 categories and is written in a magazine style with great quizzes, quotes and pictures to keep you engaged. All of the chapters are laced with scripture references and always directing the reader back to their own relationship with the Lord Jesus. The chapter on God has wonderful titles such as "What do you believe?", "Can you call something wrong?", "Submitting to authorities", and "Why are you here?". Vicki also includes a section in the back with scriptures to lead someone to Christ. Along with relational help with friends, family, your world, guys and God she focuses on spiritual health and growth as the reader adopts the new patterns of relating, coping and cherishing the people in their lives. Vicki weaves throughout the book the standard of scripture as the utmost guide on how to cherish earthly relationships as well as placing Christ on the throne of your heart. I especially liked how the authors wrote about the relevant social issues our kids face such as attention seeking selfie-takers, gossipy girl drama, and blended family relationships. They also created charts, quizzes and lists to identify ways to recognize when others need help, cultivating relationships within the family walls, and who God says you are. There is such great content and advice in this book and can be used as a reference guide for chartering the waters of teen years.

and into young adulthood as well.

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 it’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 “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 it’s critical that you talk to an adult about a friend’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 “wow” 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. Her nine points are perfect “everything a parent would tell a teen and find it falling on deaf ears. Courtney doesn’t lecture, just lists the facts that make sense (follow the rules, associate with people of good character, admit mistakes, etc.) The 25 things that will make your parents smile are great. and the section E is for Embarrassing “yep, sometimes we embarrass our kids! Courtney balances respect for parents with sitting down and having a conversation about how the parent can avoid embarrassing you again in the same manner. She talks about divorce and unsafe home situations, getting along with siblings and blended families and even dealing with non-Christian parents when you’ve become one. The chapter on self is beautifully done, reminding the reader how to find God’s truth about beauty and value in a world that’s a bit twisted in these areas. She even gives a great chart on what other religions believe so a teen can understand the differences. So much more in this chapter that is pertinent and appropriate for what teens face every day right down to coping with the death of a friend or loved one. The chapter on

relationships with guys starts with a bang by listing the actual responses from boys when asked: Describe the perfect girl, What do girls do that send you running, and Why do some guys act like they like you one day and ignore you the next. (My favorite response to that last one, “I think you are overanalyzing this.” “we are really very simple.” Spot on! “we as females tend to deeply overanalyze, they as males tend to be pretty on the surface with things.) The reader will find real answers to why it’s important to dress appropriately, what sexual purity really means, why we date and questions to ask before you date a guy. I loved that Courtney covered abuse in a relationship and lies about sex because our girls, in their need to be popular and be loved, are so vulnerable to the dangers. Finally, in the chapter addressing the relationship with God, the author makes it clear it’s not just about streets of gold and angel wings. She lays out the plan for a personal, close relationship with the One who can truly guard and guide the young girls journey through this life. The book is contemporary and frank, beautifully written and easy to read. I am passing on my copy to my granddaughters who are just entering their teens and praying that they will glean from this insights that will ground them in a well rounded, satisfying relationships. I would recommend the book to any parent, grandparent, or friend of teen girls. It would make a wonderful gift. And handing it off to a young girl would be an expression of love, show that you care, you understand the challenges in the world today, and you want the best for her.

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