

FRIENDS

How have you done at choosing your friends? Who do you hang out with? What kind of people do you spend your time with? Are they people that encourage you and help to build you up in a positive direction? The bible has a lot to say about what makes good friends and what kind of people we become as a result.

Proverbs 13:20 says,

**“HE WHO WALKS WITH THE WISE GROWS WISE,
BUT A COMPANION OF FOOLS SUFFERS HARM.”**

We all know people who have chosen to hang out with others who continually make bad choices. The warning of this verse is that people who choose fools for friends will suffer for it. They sometimes suffer financially, sometimes physically, often with great heartache.

The promise contained here is that if we choose to spend time with people who display wisdom, we too will become wise. We must be very careful about with whom we spend time with. When we hang out a lot with someone, we are obviously going in the same direction and will have the same destination. Be sure to choose your friends, and people you go to for advice carefully.

Proverbs 18:24 says

**A MAN OF MANY COMPANIONS MAY COME TO RUIN,
BUT THERE IS A FRIEND THAT STICKS CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.**

In my life, Jesus is my best friend. It is so neat to see how he sends people into my life to be His hands and reach out to me when I really need a friend. My wife Bonnie is that main person in my life and I'm so thankful for her.

Even though we live in a world full of people, loneliness is everywhere. Many people feel cut off and feel no one cares about them. We all need friends who will stick close, listen, care, and offer help when it is needed.—in good times and bad. It is better to have one such friend than dozens of superficial acquaintances.

Instead of wishing you could find a true friend, seek to be one.

THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO NEED YOUR FRIENDSHIP!!!!

Ask God to show you people who need a friend, and then take the challenge of being a true friend.

Hebrews 10:24 – And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

BE A FRIEND----ENCOURAGE OTHERS