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Friendly Advice

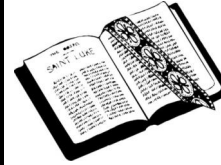
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- ☺ WAIT on the right friend. Do not settle for the first acquaintance that comes around just because you are lonely.
- ☺ Pick a friend you look up to, not down to, or the relationship may hurt your walk with Christ.
- ☺ Pray about the friendship. Ask God how you can be a better friend, not just how that person can meet your needs.
- ☺ Be honest with your friend. If they do not like the real you, or the truth, then they are not

the friend for you.

- ☺ Friendship is not popularity! Acquaintances are not necessarily friends.
- ☺ Stick up for a friend.
- ☺ Never put a friend down in front of others!
- ☺ Be a friend to someone that you feel needs one! They are often the most grateful and the most loyal!
- ☺ Obey your parents' discernment about friends. If they say to stay away from a certain person, obey them!
- ☺ Marry a friend!

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Friends

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The right friend will build you up. A wrong friend may destroy you.

Many will have their plans and lives changed because they picked the wrong companion or gave a confidant the wrong priority in their lives! Some do not even know what a true friend is.

Here is a short study on what the Bible says about a true friend:

Friendly all the time! A true friend loves us during the hard times and the good.

Proverbs 17:17-18 "A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend."

Proverbs 27:10 "Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off."

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Dear Liberal Friend

Bill Brinkworth

I am so sorry about how our friendship has turned out. I was excited when I learned you were a "Christian." Fellowship and friendship with another of like faith are important to me. However, I quickly realized that your definition and my definition of being a "Christian" were completely different.

When one says they are a "Christian," I assume their thinking and lifestyle would be aligned with the Bible. Your "Christianity" is not what is described in my Bible. Most of the time, you did not even want to discuss God's Word.

When the conversation led to spiritual things, you quickly went on the defensive and accused me of judging or else argued the doctrine. We have spent more time discussing "what the Bible really means," as you keep saying, rather than agreeing on the things of God.



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Friendly first! A true friend is friendly first, rather than waiting for others to approach him. Proverbs 18:24 “A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”

Friendly giving! True friendship is given and not bought. You cannot buy true friendship. Give, and you may get a person you can trust and like. Do not be friendly to earn friendship, though. You cannot make someone your friend.

Proverbs 19:6 “*Many will in-treat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.*” — but not true friends!

Friendly honest advice! A true friend tells what they believe is best for us because they care about what happens in our lives.

Proverbs 22:6 “*Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.*” Also: Proverbs 27:10.

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My other friendships with Christians have never been this strained. It has always been easy and perfectly natural for my other friends and me to talk about the things of God because we are interested in them. You, obviously, are not.

I may not have been saved as long as you have been, but I know that the Bible teaches that a Christian should live differently from the unsaved. You seem to be very comfortable dressing, talking, acting, doing things the world does, and going to places where the unsaved go.

Your philosophies are often identical to what the ungodly world thinks. It’s hard to tell any difference between you and the lost. I am not comfortable doing many of those things, and I believe some of them are against what God teaches in His Book.

The consequences of worldliness and its sin are some things from which I was saved. The world is losing and not heading for Heaven, but is going to Hell. I have no interest in thinking and looking like the losing side.

Before I was saved, I did not have the joy or peace I do now by obeying the Lord. Being more like Christ is far safer, peaceful, and biblical.

Clearly, the Bible tells us to talk to others about Christ so they can be saved and have the promise of Heaven. Proverbs 11:30 says one is wise if that is done.

You have ridiculed and tried to stop me from witnessing to others. No, I don’t think it’s “pushing God’s Word down their throat” by telling them. If someone didn’t tell me how to be saved, I would not be. I would feel very selfish if I didn’t

share salvation with others and would be disobedient to God’s biblical commandments if I did not.

When I do witness to others, I often hear the word “hypocrite.” The unsaved world knows how Christians should live. They have seen many call themselves Christians, and people see that they do not live the way they should.

After seeing more living the wrong way, they quickly assume that all Christians are hypocrites and living the wrong lifestyle. I certainly am not perfect and am still growing spiritually, but the people they are referring to are not people like me, but are people like you.

I love being saved. It is exciting to know that Christ died for all my sins and paid the price for them so I could go to Heaven. I owe Him so much. My desire now is to live for and serve Him.

Your liberal theology and lifestyle are doing much to harm and weaken the cause of Christ. It is giving those trying to serve and live for God a bad name. Your lifestyle is hurting the testimonies of those trying to live right.

Sadly, I think it is time to part as friends. No, I don’t believe myself “holier than thou.”

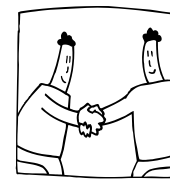
I know what I was and can fall back into my old ways. I am concerned that your disobedience may rub off on me. Association with your un-Christian life-

style will also hurt my Christian testimony. I desire to be more like Christ and have that reputation, so our fellowship will have to stop until your lifestyle becomes more Christ-like.

Regretfully,
Bill

A Friend

Author Unknown



*When troubles
comes your soul
to try
You love a friend
who just stands
by.*

*Perhaps there’s
nothing he can do,
The thing is strictly up to you.
For there are troubles all your
own,
And paths the soul must tread
alone,
Times when love can’t smooth
the road,
Nor friendship lift the heavy
load.
But, just to feel you have a
friend,
Who will stand by until the end,
Whose sympathy through all
endures,
Whose warm handclasp is always
yours,
It helps somehow to pull you
through.
Although there’s nothing he can
do.
And so with fervent heart we say,
“God bless the friend who just
stands by.”*