

Bad Friendships or Friends Contrary to Your Beliefs

Questions to explore the heart:

Do you think this friend will encourage you to follow Jesus?

Do you think it is a wise decision to “hang out” with this person?

Note: Be careful not to condemn the foolish but pray for them out of love and compassion.

Comment(s) or Correction:

You should stay away from those whose ways are contrary (*opposing / opposite*) to the teaching you have learned or you will be led astray (*off course / off track*) and suffer (*endure, experience, or go through*) harm.

Scriptures to memorize:

I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions (*separation / splitting up*) and put obstacles (*barriers / problems*) in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. Romans 16:17

The righteous should choose his friends carefully (*cautiously / vigilantly*), for the way of the wicked (*evil, wrong, sinful, or immoral*) leads them astray. Proverbs 12:26

He/She who walks with wise people will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared (*trapped*). Proverbs 22:24-25

Those who trust in themselves are fools (*deceived / tricked*), but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe. Proverbs 28:26

Words of Encouragement:

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