

they do have a desire to repent from their sins, then obviously YAHUVEH GOD has put them in your life to help them, and hopefully your example will lead them to JESUS (YAHUSHUA)

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But if they really just don't care at all, and have no desire for holiness, no desire for the Bible, no desire to please YAHUVEH GOD, etc, then why would you be friends with this person? When the Bible clearly states, what does lightness have with darkness? We are to not be yoked with those who are in sin and are unbelievers. We are to not have friendship with those who are mockers of GOD.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (KJV)

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness

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Choosing

Friends

1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Proverbs 13:20 ESV Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 18:24 ESVA A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:17 ESV Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.
Proverbs 17:17 ESVA friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 12:26 ESVOne who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 22:24-25 ESVMake no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 ESVTwo are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!

Proverbs 16:28 ESVA dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

Proverbs 27:9 ESV Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

John 15:13 ESV Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

These are just a few verses that talk about choosing your friends there are many more that talk about this.

Study and read these verses and I encourage you to look up some more as well.

A great place to start would be the book of proverbs

The book of Proverbs is the book in the Bible that teaches wisdom on how to live godly lives daily. This book is full of must-have advice about relationships. It also teaches us about friendships.

Believers and unbelievers think differently. As Christians, we live our lives for a purpose different from the purposes of our non-Christian acquaintances.

We want to live righteously for God; many unbelievers want to do wicked things. We do not agree about our life's goals. As believers, we must remember that our lives belong to God.

That is why friends who pull us in a direction that is different from the way the Lord wants us to go are dangerous for us.

All Christians, single or married, need to have the right companions in life. The Bible tells us that who we fellowship within our Christian journey is important.

You want to be friends with people who are pursuing the Kingdom of God and God's holiness. In the same way that the Bible warns us about the danger of bad friendships, there are many Scriptures that tell us how important godly friends are.

The book of Ecclesiastes gives a beautiful poetic description of friendship. It says that two people are better than one because they can have a good reward in each other's relationship.

A friend can lift the other one up when a person falls down.

How do we express the love of Christ for our friends? The New Testament is full of "one another" Scriptures because caring for others is the essence of Christianity.

First, we need to think of others as better than ourselves and look out for their interests. We need to be kind and compassionate to one another. The Scripture tells us to pray for each other as well as to help each other materially. In fact, the Bible says that we need to carry each other's burdens.

Jesus (YAHUSHUA In hebrew) knew that life in this world can be hard. That is why He instructed His disciples

to build godly friendships. Christian friends will help you lift the burdens of life together. This will lighten your load. Godly friends will encourage you. Such friendships will endue your life with hope.

Something that we have to keep in mind , is if we are led to evangelize to a friend who is not a believer , but has a desire to learn , is open to hearing you out about GODS word , you must make sure you are not compromising in anyway , when you are with them. The goal is to lead them to JESUS (YAHUSHUA).

We do not reach the world for JESUS (YAHUSHUA in Hebrew) by becoming like the world. We reach the world for GODS kingdom by being like JESUS (YAHUSHUA in Hebrew).

You will know if a person is not interested in hearing you out , if they are not interested in the Bible , or learning to live holy. They will prove it by there actions , and words. You will know them by there fruits which is why JESUS (YAHUSHUA in Hebrew wants us to be fruit inspectors

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Is the persons fruit bitter?, or is it sweet ?, pretty much are they growing in the fruits of the HOLY SPIRIT? or are they staying within there fleshly desires and the sins of this world?. Do they have a desire to repent of there sins ? Do they have a desire for holiness ?

Some people take time to receive the truth , others will turn it away quickly. Some will receive it right away and will be on fire for YAHUVEH GOD for JESUS (YAHUSHUA in Hebrew) and unfortunately there are those who will reject YAHUVEH GOD & YAHUSHUA

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It really depends on what choice that person made before the foundation of this world as every single person works out there own salvation with fear and trembling.

In **Philippians 2:12-13**, Paul writes, “Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed – not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence – continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his purpose.

Scripture teaches us not only to have godly friends but also to have wise friends. Such friends can challenge us to be better people. We need to be friends with people we can admire, people who will cause us to grow.

We want to make sure that we have relationships in our lives that are mentoring relationships, relationships of accountability. In other words, we not only need to have friends in our lives who encourage us, tell us that we are doing great, and cheer us on. Such friends are necessary.

However, we also want to have friends who will tell us the hard truth. Scripture says that such friends sharpen us as iron sharpens iron. When people tell you the truth, they propel you forward, push your limits, and cause you to grow.

1. What have you learned ?
2. How can you tell if a person is considered "bad company "?
3. Why is it important to have wise godly friends in your life?
4. Summarize 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
5. Why is it dangerous to have ungodly friends?
6. How can wise Godly friends help build you up spiritually and aid in helping you grow?
7. Those who choose to have companions that are fools suffers harm - how do you know if someone is living foolishly? The book of proverbs is a great example of the difference between what is a fool and who is wise) read some verses on this

