



TRAIL TIP:

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As a kid I used to hear: Birds of a feather flock together.

One thing is for sure; you become more like whatever and whoever you hang out with whether that is for the good or not.

[Proverbs 6:27](#) *Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned?*

[Psalm 37:32](#) *The wicked watcheth the righteous and seeketh to slay him.*

Even your horse will pick up the habits of other horses. Your dogs will pick up the habits of the other dogs in the neighborhood. AND you will pick up the habits, the language, and the mannerisms of the people that you hang out with also.

What if your best friend were the Lord Jesus instead of whoever is your best friend these days?

What if you talked to Jesus and read His Word more than you did what your friends put on Facebook or in a text?

What if you cared more about what He thinks than what they think?

[Proverbs 18:24b](#) *"....there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."*

This is one of the most misquoted misunderstood verses in the scripture. People take off on this about their friends. But I want to tell you that the scripture here is referring to One above all others. One that gave His life for us; One that sticks by the born-again Christian like none other, can only be Only Jesus who satisfies that criteria.

Earthly acquaintances are not friends. Many times that's what we call them. Facebook users sometimes compete to see how many "friends" they can commit to their page. But obviously these people are acquaintances or family members, not life friends.

I don't take much stock in who most people call out as "friends." But I have found that God brings people into my life to benefit me and for me to benefit them along the way as we serve the Lord side by side. These I count as "friends" that is, people that are more my brothers and sisters in Christ that are endeavoring to serve the Savior.

Choose your "friends" carefully. You might just turn out like them in many respects.