



Three Friend Principle:

Who we spend the majority of our time with is typically a reflection of who we are. Taking that thought into consideration, with which kind of friend are you most surrounded?

Friend #1: One who sharpens you. She challenges you to come up higher in your love relationship with God. She is someone whom you would consider to be your mentor. Just by your friendship with her, you come up higher. Perhaps you lose your potty mouth, or your complaining, or your gossiping, because she challenges you in these difficult areas to become more Christ-like in your thinking, your motives, your attitude, and your behavior.

Friend #2: One who is running right along beside you. She is at the same place in her walk with the Lord as you are. She encourages you when you are down or need an extra push. You do the same for her. You hold each other accountable. You are a team.

Friend #3: One who brings you down spiritually. Such friends cause you to put God back in the box and you begin to embrace worldly desires. You temporarily forget who you are in Christ, and you begin to think, talk, and behave like your friend. She does not encourage your love relationship with Jesus, and, in fact, may make you feel silly for your beliefs or values. She most likely does not even know Jesus or is a “backslidden” Christian. For whatever reason when you are around her, you backslide into old sin habits.