Choosing Friends Who Follow Jesus



Explore God's guidance on choosing friends who follow Jesus, nurturing faith, and growing in Christian love and character.





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Introduction

Welcome to this 7-day Bible study on choosing friends who follow Jesus.

Friendships play a vital role in our lives, especially for children and young believers. The friends we choose can deeply influence our attitudes, actions, and spiritual growth. This study will help you understand what God's Word says about selecting friends who encourage you to follow Jesus, love others well, and grow in faith.

Choosing friends wisely is not just about avoiding bad company; it's about embracing those who uplift and inspire us to live in God's love. True friendship involves caring for one another, pointing each other toward Jesus, and walking together on a path of obedience and joy.

Throughout these seven days, you will explore Scriptures that highlight the importance of godly friendships, wisdom in choosing companions, and the power of community centered on Christ. You'll reflect on your own friendships, gain practical encouragement, and pray for God's guidance in selecting friends who walk faithfully with Him.

We invite you to open your heart and mind, eager to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus as you journey through this study. Let God's Word encourage you to be a true friend and find friends who help you follow Jesus closely. **















Your Verse

Proverbs 13:20 – "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.""
- Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor."







Devotional: Why Godly Friends Matter

Choosing friends who follow Jesus shapes who we become. Proverbs reminds us that walking with wise friends helps us gain wisdom. Friends influence our decisions, values, and character—so it's important to be intentional about who we spend time with.

God wants us to surround ourselves with friends who encourage good choices and help us grow closer to Him. When you choose friends who love Jesus, they help you stay on the right path even when it's hard. Bad company can lead us away from God's best for us.

Remember, friendship isn't just about having fun but being helpful to one another. Wise friends support and challenge us to live God's way. Take a moment today to think about who your closest friends are and how they influence your faith.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do your current friends influence your relationship with Jesus?
2.	In what ways can friends help you grow wiser and closer to God?
3.	Are there any friendships that pull you away from God's best?







Journaling Prompts

1.	List three qualities of a wise friend who follows Jesus.
2.	Write about a time a friend helped you make a good choice.
3.	Describe how you want your friendships to grow spiritually.







Prayer for Today

Dear God, thank You for the gift of friendship. Help me to choose friends who love You and encourage me to follow Jesus every day. Guide me to be a wise friend who lifts others up and makes godly choices. Protect me from influences that lead me away from Your path. Fill my heart with love and wisdom as I grow in You. *Amen.* \bigwedge

















Day 2: 🕍 Friends Shape Our Character

Your Verse

1 Corinthians 15:33 – "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"

Supporting Scriptures

- Proverbs 22:24–25 "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."
- Galatians 5:22–23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."







Day 2: 🕍 Friends Shape Our Character

Devotional: How Friends Influence Your Character

Our friends greatly influence who we become, especially in how we act and treat others. 1 Corinthians warns that bad company can damage good character by drawing us into wrong habits. Proverbs also advises us to avoid friends who are easily angered because their ways can catch us too.

On the other hand, being around friends who exhibit the fruit of the Spirit helps us develop those qualities ourselves. Imagine how much easier it is to be kind, patient, and self-controlled when your friends show those same traits!

Take some time today to reflect on your friendships. Do your friends show the fruit of the Spirit? If not, how can you seek or become the kind of friend who builds strong character rooted in Jesus' love?







Day 2: 😭 Friends Shape Our Character

Reflect and Apply

1.	Have you noticed your behavior changing because of your friends?
2.	Which fruit of the Spirit do you see in your closest friends?
3.	What kind of friend do you want to be to others?







Day 2: 🕍 Friends Shape Our Character

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a friend who displays the fruit of the Spirit.
2.	Think of a situation where a friend's example helped you do the right thing.
3.	List ways you can encourage godly character in your friendships.







Day 2: 🕍 Friends Shape Our Character

Prayer for Today















Your Verse

Proverbs 12:26 - "The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray."

Supporting Scriptures

- Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers."
- James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."







Devotional: Seeking God's Wisdom in Friendships

Choosing friends isn't always easy, but God's Word gives us clear wisdom. Proverbs states that righteous people are careful about their friendships

because bad company can lead them off God's path.

Psalm 1 echoes this by promising blessing for those who avoid sinful company and instead delight in God's ways. You don't have to guess who to be friends with—ask God! James encourages us to seek His wisdom, which He freely gives.

Today, ask God to help you choose friends who will encourage your faith and bring out your best qualities. Trust that He will guide your heart and steps as you follow Him.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you decide who to be friends with?
2.	What role does prayer play in choosing friends?
3.	Have you experienced God's guidance in friendship decisions?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a prayer asking God for wisdom in choosing friends.
2.	Describe qualities you want in a friend who follows Jesus.
3.	Recall a time when God helped you make a wise friendship choice.







Prayer for Today

Father, I ask for Your wisdom in choosing friends who reflect Your love. Help me to recognize those who follow You and bless me through their friendship. Keep me from bad influences and guide my heart to seek godly companions. I trust Your guidance today and always. *Amen.* 💸 🙏 🖓

















Day 4: V Friends Help Us Love Others

Your Verse

John 13:34 – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 John 4:7 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."
- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."







Day 4: Friends Help Us Love Others

Devotional: Growing in Love Through Friends

Friendship is a beautiful way God shows His love to us and through us. Jesus gave a new command to love one another just as He loves us. When we choose friends who follow Jesus, we see His love reflected back in our friendships.

True friends help us learn how to love better — patiently, kindly, and selflessly. 1 John reminds us that loving others flows from God's love within us. When you are friends with those who follow Jesus, you are encouraged and challenged to love more like Him every day. Romans calls us to be devoted and honor each other above ourselves, which requires humility and care.

Think about the ways your friends help you love others well and how you can do the same for them.







Day 4: 🍑 Friends Help Us Love Others

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do your friends show God's love to you?
2.	In what ways can you show love to your friends more fully?
3.	What challenges do you face in loving friends as Jesus commands?







Day 4: 🍑 Friends Help Us Love Others

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when a friend showed Christ's love to you.
2.	List ways you can practice loving your friends better.
3.	Describe how loving friends helps you grow closer to Jesus.







Day 4: 🍑 Friends Help Us Love Others

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving me first and teaching me how to love others. Help me to be a friend who shows Your love in all I do. Teach me to be patient, kind, and humble with those around me. Help me to honor and care for my friends as You desire. *Amen.* \heartsuit \curlywedge \heartsuit

















Day 5: ① Standing Strong Together

Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:12 – "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Supporting Scriptures

- Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Hebrews 10:24-25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together."







Day 5: ① Standing Strong Together

Devotional: Strength in God-Centered Friendship

Friendship that includes Jesus is powerful and strengthens us in every challenge. Ecclesiastes reminds us that we're stronger together, especially with God in the center of our friendships like a three-stranded cord that is hard to break.

When friends gather in Jesus' name, He promises to be with them, encouraging and sustaining their bond. Hebrews encourages us to meet regularly so we can inspire and help each other to love and do good.

Facing challenges is easier when you have godly friends who stand beside you in faith. Think about your friendships: Do they help you stand strong in your walk with Jesus? How can you support your friends in their faith journey?







Day 5: **(**) Standing Strong Together

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do your friends support you when you face tough times?
2.	What does it mean for Jesus to be the center of your friendships?
3.	How can you encourage your friends to stay strong in faith?







Day 5: **(**) Standing Strong Together

Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time when a friend helped you stand strong.
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Day 5: **(**) Standing Strong Together

Prayer for Today

God, thank You for the strength found in friendships that include You. Help me to build friendships centered on Jesus, so we can support each other in faith and love. Teach me how to encourage friends and to stand beside them when challenges come. May our bonds grow strong and unbreakable through You. *Amen.* \heartsuit \bigwedge \bigcirc

















Your Verse

Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 2:15 "...so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation."
- Titus 2:7 "In everything set them an example by doing what is good."







Devotional: Shining Christ's Light Through Friendship

When you choose friends who follow Jesus, you also become a light to those around you. Jesus calls us to let our light shine through good deeds, pointing others to God's glory.

Philippians reminds us that by living blamelessly, we stand out in a world that often doesn't follow God's ways. Titus encourages believers to set a good example in everything.

As a friend who follows Jesus, think about the ways your actions can inspire others to seek God. Your kindness, honesty, and faith can be a beacon of hope. How will you choose to shine your light for Jesus today?







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does your friendship reflect God's light to others?
2.	What good deeds can you do to encourage friends spiritually?
3.	Are there ways you can be a better example to those around you?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a time your actions inspired a friend to know Jesus better.
2.	Make a list of good deeds you can do this week for friends.
3.	Describe how you want your light to shine for God in friendships.







Prayer for Today

Jesus, please help me to be a light that shines brightly among my friends. Teach me to show Your love through my words and actions. May I always honor You and guide others closer to You by my example. Let my life point others to Your glory. *Amen.* ❖ ⚠ ♥















Your Verse

Proverbs 27:17 - "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Supporting Scriptures

- Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God every time I remember you."
- Colossians 3:12–14 "...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."







Devotional: Thankful for Faithful Friends

Friendships that follow Jesus are reasons to celebrate and be thankful. Like iron sharpens iron, true friends help us grow stronger in faith and character.

Paul expressed gratitude for his friends, reminding us to thank God for those who encourage us. Colossians teaches us to clothe ourselves with love and all the virtues that keep friendships strong and united.

Take time today to thank God for faithful friends who sharpen you and help you follow Jesus. Consider reaching out to encourage a friend and celebrate the blessing of friendship grounded in Christ's love.







Reflect and Apply

1.	Who has helped sharpen your faith this week?
2.	How can you show appreciation to friends who encourage you?
3.	Why is love important in maintaining strong friendships?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write a thank-you letter to a friend who helped you grow spiritually.
2.	List ways you can show compassion and kindness in friendships.
3.	Reflect on how your friendships have helped you follow Jesus.







Prayer for Today

Gracious God, thank You for friends who sharpen my faith and help me grow closer to You. I praise You for the gift of godly friendships that encourage, teach, and love me. Help me to be a faithful friend who reflects Your compassion and love. Thank You for walking with me and my friends every step. *Amen.*







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