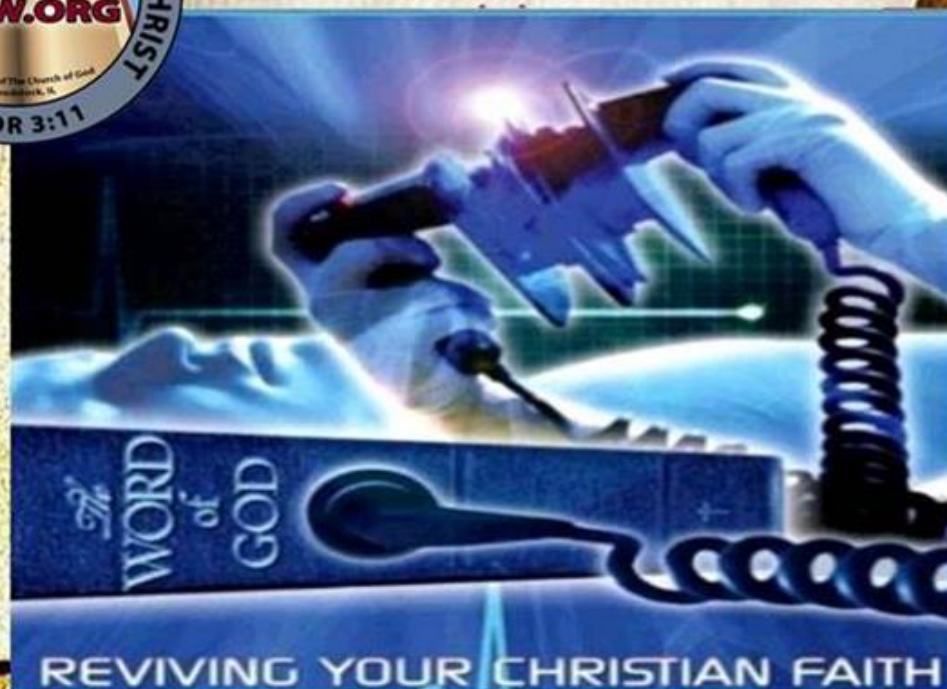
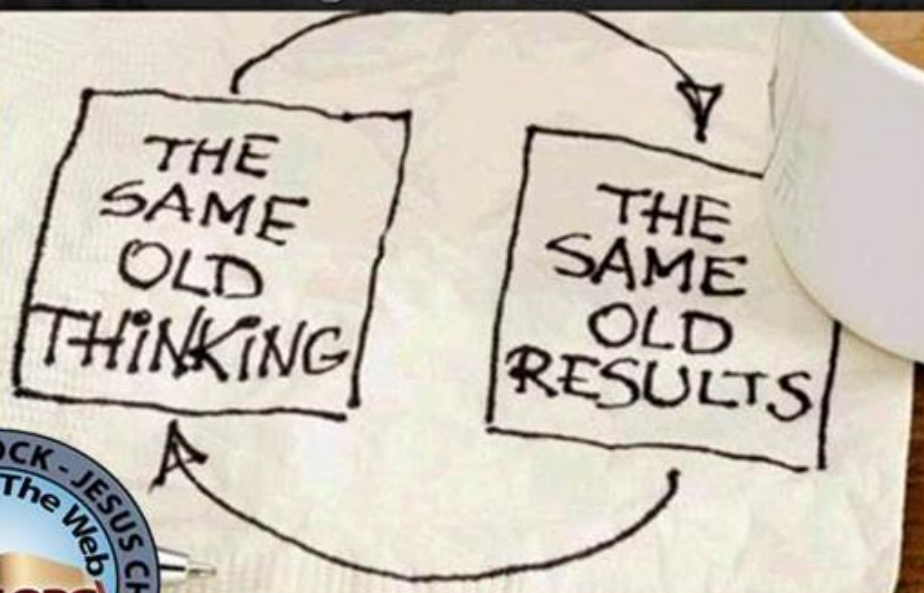


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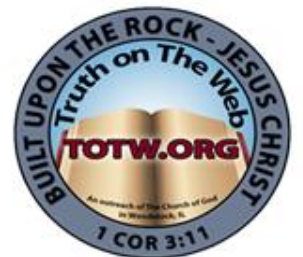


## RENEW your mind

ROMANS 12:12



# FRIENDSHIP



**Matthew 11:19** The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, **a friend of publicans and sinners**. But wisdom is justified of her children.

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# **ONLY TWO WAYS:**

**CLEAN**

**UNCLEAN**

**HOLY**

**UNHOLY/PROFANE**

**GODLY**

**UNGODLY**

**RIGHTEOUS**

**UNRIGHTEOUS**

**PURE**

**IMPURE**

**SAVED**

**LOST**

**FRIEND**

**ENEMY**

**Romans 5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Colossians 1:21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled

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**Strong's Hebrew Dictionary**

**7489.** רָעָה *ra`a`*

a primitive root; properly, to spoil (literally, by breaking to pieces); figuratively, to make (or be) good for nothing, i.e. bad (physically, socially or morally):—afflict, associate selves (by mistake for 7462), break (down, in pieces), + displease, (be, bring, do) evil (doer, entreat, man), show self friendly (by mistake for 7462), do harm, (do) hurt, (behave self, deal) ill, X indeed, do mischief, punish, still, vex, (do) wicked (doer, -ly), be (deal, do) worse.

AMP - The man of too many friends [chosen indiscriminately] will be broken in pieces and come to ruin, But there is a [true, loving] friend who [is reliable and] sticks closer than a brother.

AMPC - The man of many friends [a friend of all the world] will prove himself a bad friend, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

CSB - One with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.

CEB - There are persons for companionship, but then there are friends who are more loyal than family.

CJB - Some “friends” pretend to be friends, but a true friend sticks closer than a brother.

CEV - Some friends don't help, but a true friend is closer than your own family.

EXB - Some friends may ruin you, but a real friend will be more loyal [cling closer] than a brother.

NOG - Friends can destroy one another, but a loving friend can stick closer than family.

NABRE - There are friends who bring ruin, but there are true friends more loyal than a brother.

**John 15:13-15** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you.

**Proverbs 17:17** A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

**Psalms 1:1** Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

**Proverbs 27:9** Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so  
*doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.



It is one of the severest tests of friendship to tell your friend his faults. So to love a man that you cannot bear to see a stain upon him, and to speak painful truth through loving words, that is friendship.

Henry Ward Beecher

**Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

Who Is On The LORD's Side?

**Psalms 119:63** I am a companion of all them that fear Thee, and of them that keep Thy precepts.

**Psalms 26:4-5** I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers. I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

**Ephesians 5:1-5** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

**Ephesians 5:6-13** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.



**1 Corinthians 5:1-8** I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship. Even though I am not with you in person, I am with you in the Spirit. And as though I were there, I have already passed judgment on this man in the name of the Lord Jesus. You must call a meeting of the church. I will be present with you in spirit, and so will the power of our Lord Jesus. Then you must throw this man out and hand him over to Satan so that his sinful nature will be destroyed and he himself will be saved on the day the Lord returns. Your boasting about this is terrible. Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you. Then you will be like a fresh batch of dough made without yeast, which is what you really are. Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us. So let us celebrate the festival, not with the old bread of wickedness and evil, but with the new bread of sincerity and truth.

**1 Corinthians 5:9-13** When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people. It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

**John 17:14-16** I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because **they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.** I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil. **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.**

**1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

**Proverbs 22:24-25** Shew not thyself friendly with an angry man, And with a man of fury go not in, Lest thou learn his paths, And have received a snare to thy soul.

**Proverbs 1:10-16** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not. If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause: Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit: We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil: Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse: My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

**Proverbs 16:29** A violent man enticeth his neighbour,  
and leadeth him into the way that is not good.



**Proverbs 28:7** Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: but he that is a companion of riotous men shameth his father.

**Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

**1 Kings 11:1-4** But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; **Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods:** Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

**Galatians 5:9** A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

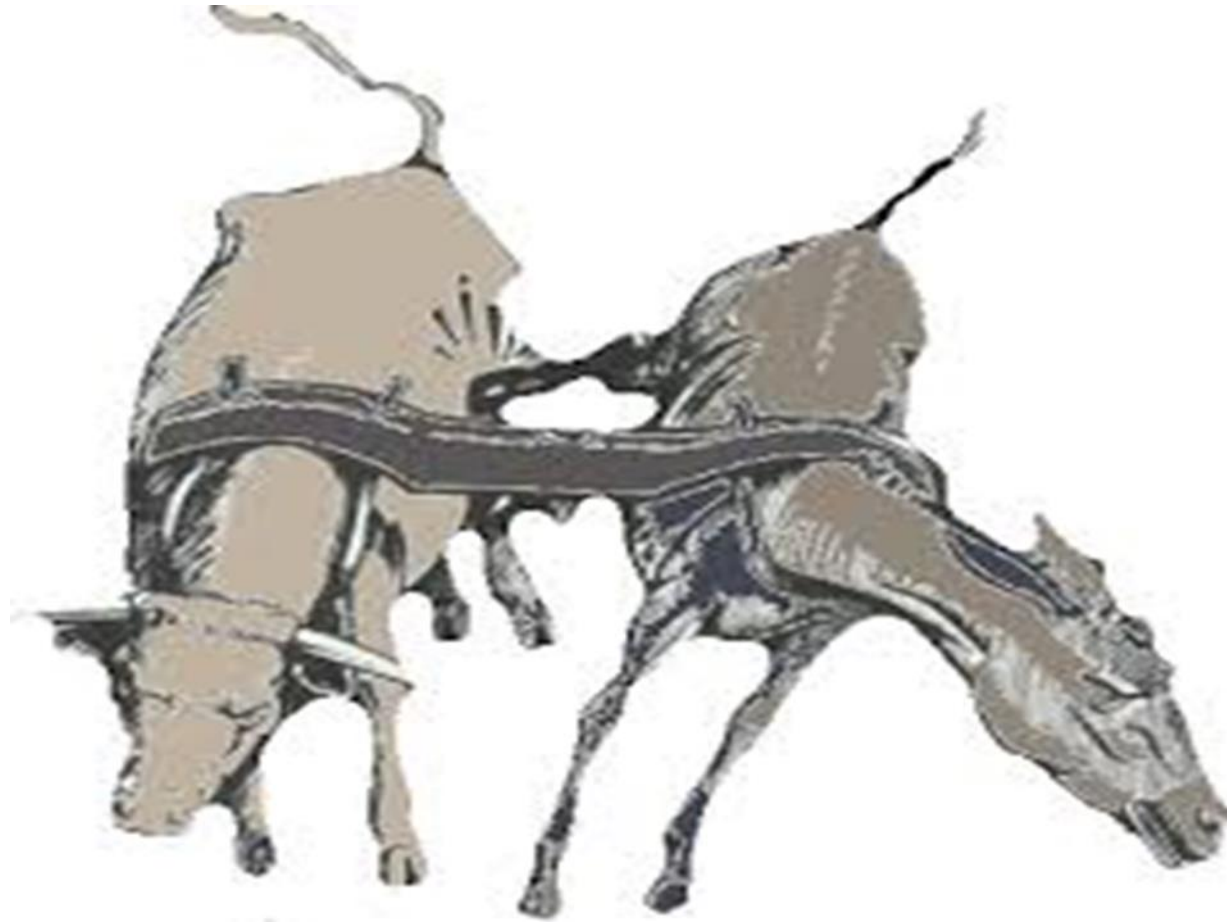
**Deuteronomy 13:6-9** If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend, who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known, you, nor your fathers; of the gods of the peoples who are round about you, near to you, or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth; you shall not consent to him, nor listen to him; neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you conceal him: but you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first on him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

**Psalms 101:2-7** I will be careful to live a blameless life. When will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a blameless heart. I will set no vile thing before my eyes. I hate the deeds of faithless men. They will not cling to me. A perverse heart will be far from me. I will have nothing to do with evil. I will silence whoever secretly slanders his neighbor. I won't tolerate one who is haughty and conceited. My eyes will be on the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me. He who walks in a perfect way, he will serve me. He who practices deceit won't dwell within my house. He who speaks falsehood won't be established before my eyes.

**Amos 3:3** Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

**2 Corinthians 6:14-15** Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what partnership has light with darkness? And what harmony has Christ with Belial? or what part has he that believes with an infidel?





**Deuteronomy 22:10** Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

**2 Corinthians 6:16-18** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, “I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore “Come out from among them, and be you separate,” says the Lord, and “touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,” says the Lord Almighty.

1. **"Separatists"** - those that take themselves out of the world
2. **"Conformists"** - those that become just like, or "of," the world
3. **"Transformists"** - those who are in the world, but not of the world

**John 15:18-19** If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. **If you were of the world, the world would love its own:** but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

**John 3:19-21** And this is the condemnation, that **light is come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his **deeds should be exposed**. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are worked in God.

**John 7:7** The world cannot hate you; but Me it hates, **because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.**

**Matthew 5:14-16** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under a bushel, but on a lamp stand; and it gives light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.





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