

Sticky Friendships



The people we surround ourselves with have a great influence on the choices we make, positive or negative. Human nature gives you the desires to move with the crowd. I tempt you with the task of staying in your seat, arms folded tightly to your body when you are in stadium where the wave has been initiated. The wave flows along the rows of people like a tide being pulled back to sea. A stadium wave is a harmless activity to participate in. This is just an illustration showing how we can be easily influenced by people, places, or things. You can wholeheartedly think that you will walk on the straight path. Good friends will walk down the straight path with you, even when the road gets bumpy. But, if your company leads you to a path that promises a short cut, or more fun along the way, if you just bend the rules a little. (1 Corinthians 15:33) Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” You must stand strong in your morality. Do not move to the left or the right “lest you learn his way and entangle yourself in a snare.” (Proverbs 22:25) Good company is hard to find. A good friend will stick by your side and not move when the waves of the temptation pass by. Choose your friends wisely; consider quality, not quantity. “A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24). This friend will always be near your side. This friend can help you ride the waves in your life and carry you when the straight and narrow path becomes hard to go down. When the darkness comes, He will light the way. He will never leave you. This friend will always be close by for you to cling to, stuck to you like gum on a shoe. A sticky friend, indeed.