

## Know who your Friends really are!

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We need to know who our friends are in business, our careers, and in ministry. Not everyone who says they are your friend truly is! It's been said, you know who your real friends are when you go through tough times! The Word of God teaches us the characteristics of a friend; here is one of them. "A Friend Loves at all times"... Proverbs 17:17a

A friend loves all the time, not just some of the time! A friend loves when things are going well and when they are not. You can count on a friend to be there through difficulty, hardship, and challenges; they don't just walk away. Anything short of this fails the test of a true Friend! They may be more of an acquaintance, associate, or a passerby, but not a friend!

### Knowing your friends, will change your perspective!

When you know who your friends truly are, your expectations will not disappoint when you learn otherwise. You will have confidence in whom you can trust and whom you can't. This is imperative not only in the business world, but also in ministry and every area of life, where people can turn away unexpectedly.

### **Jesus gives us some insight as He knows human behavior best...**

"Because of the miraculous signs Jesus did in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration, many began to trust in Him. But Jesus didn't trust them, because He knew all about people. No one needed to tell Him about human nature, for He knew what was in each person's heart." John 2:23-25 NLT

Here are some questions to ponder: are they your friends because of your position, what you can do for them, or what they think they can get from you? Looks like this may have been the case with the people witnessing Jesus's miracles. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Truth of this scripture as you go throughout your work week and thereafter.

### **The Holy Spirit is your guide to discerning true Friendships...**

Pray for friendships and better discernment, something like this...

Father God, I ask that you would lead me to the right friendships and keep me from the ones I should not be embracing. Holy Spirit, help me to discern my intentions and those of others who want to connect with good motives. In Jesus' name, Amen!

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