

## FRIEND REQUEST

Luke 16:9 Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.

### Embracing The Right Friends

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#### Your Values

Proverbs 19:16 Keep the commandments and keep your life; despising them leads to death.

Proverbs 22:3 A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

4 True humility and fear of the Lord lead to riches, honor, and long life.

5 Corrupt people walk a thorny, treacherous road; whoever values life will avoid it.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.

14 And do everything with love.

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#### To Living Your Values

Psalms 1:1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers.

2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Proverbs 4:10 My child, listen to me and do as I say, and you will have a long, good life.

11 I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths.

12 When you walk, you won't be held back; when you run, you won't stumble.

13 Take hold of my instructions; don't let them go. Guard them, for they are the key to life.

14 Don't do as the wicked do, and don't follow the path of evildoers.

15 Don't even think about it; don't go that way. Turn away and keep moving.

16 For evil people can't sleep until they've done their evil deed for the day. They can't rest until they've caused someone to stumble.

2 Peter 3:17 I am warning you ahead of time, dear friends. Be on guard so that you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing.

18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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### Friends Who Will Share Your Values

1 Corinthians 15:33 Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."

2 Corinthians 6:14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness?  
15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?

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### To Be A Godly Influence On Others

Jeremiah 15:19 This is how the Lord responds: "If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak good words rather than worthless ones, you will be my spokesman. You must influence them; do not let them influence you!

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### Be Open To More Friends

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?

12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.