

# REVIVAL MINISTRY

Wednesday Minute "You're No Friend!" March 4, 2020

"Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away."

Proverbs 27:10 NIV

Read: Proverbs 27:1-10

Chances are, you have said it to yourself about someone you thought was really your friend..."You're no friend." They ignored you when you were ill. They will take your call, but seldom call you. They have even turned down your need of real help. In truth, they are really someone you know; but they are not your friend.

But, what about you? Are others saying the same thing about you? Do others believe you are their friend? Do they call you, but you seldom if never call them? Have you been asked for help only to say you're too busy or another worthless excuse? Could they be saying you are not really a friend at all?

Friends are friends all the time. Friends are not like a light switch that turns off when they are needed. When someone needs your help,..physical, emotional or spiritual..that is the time to not just shine, but shine brightly. The old joke has a hint of truth. An acquaintance will forgive you if you murder someone, while a friend will help you bury the body.

Beware of those who call you friend for their convenience. The time will come when you need a friend and they will abandon you for it is not their desire to be your friend. "Friend deceives friend, and no one speaks the truth. They have taught their tongues to lie; they weary themselves with sinning." Jeremiah 9:5 NIV Friends do not deceive friends. Friends always are truthful and will not sin against you.

Are you a committed friend or do you have a lot of acquaintances you call friends. If they are not your friend, stop calling them a friend and raising false hope. If they are a friend, commit to the friendship. Think of Moses. GOD talked with Moses personally, as a friend talks to a friend. Is GOD your friend? HE should be. GOD will be your friend if you will be HIS friend.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for being my friend. I know I am not deserving by all I have done and not done but still YOU claim me. It is only by YOUR forgiving grace that I am worthy of being YOUR friend. Guide me to be a true friend to all. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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