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## **Choose Your Friends Wisely**

Make friends with people who will pull you up instead of drag you down.

"Do not be fooled. Bad companions ruin good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33 (TEV)

We all want to belong, no matter what our age. I'm 50 and everyday am still working towards belonging. We are all looking for friends and connections and acceptance. We want to be a part of a fellowship. Why? Because that's the way God wired us. The bad thing is, we sometimes find that fellowship in the wrong places and with the wrong people. The Bible says, *"Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs the other"* (Romans 12:5 NLT).

The truth is, to live an emotionally healthy life; we need people in our lives. But those people need to be healthy people of God that can encourage and support us, people that pull us in the right direction, not drag us down. We need the belonging that comes from fellowship with other believers. You guys have no idea how much you mean to others and how you are already pleasing God in how your pulling others in the right direction. I love you guys and miss you and again, sorry I am not here tonight to fellowship with you. You guys ROCK and I am so proud of you all. Have a Blessed evening and as my wonderful bother Luke would say, watch out for the poop and junk. It stinks!