

ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



ACTS 16:1-5

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ACTS 16:1-5 (cont.)

As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.



SOUL-ENRICHING

FRIENDSHIP

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PAUL

&

TIMOTHY



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1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7

The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. Therefore an overseer **must be above reproach**, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,



1 TIMOTHY 3:1-7 (cont.)

...for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, **he must be well thought of by outsiders**, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.





ACTS 16:3

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God...)



1 CORINTHIANS 9:19-23 (cont.)

...but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.





SOUL-ENRICHING FRIENDSHIP



“Understand me, I do not speak of acquaintances. I do not mean that you ought to have nothing to do with any but true Christians. To take such a line is neither possible nor desirable in this world. Christianity requires no man to be uncourteous. But I do advise you to be very careful in your choice of friends. Do not open all your heart to a man merely because he is clever, agreeable, good-natured, high-spirited, and kind.”



“These things are all very well in their way, but they are not everything. Never be satisfied with the friendship of anyone who will not be useful to your soul.”

J. C. RYLE

Thoughts for Young Men (1888)





QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES

1. Do I have soul-enriching friends?



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1. Do I have soul-enriching friends?

2. Am I a soul-enriching friend?





EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS



LUKE 2:52

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.





*“We need to be okay with our not
enoughness and rest in God’s enoughness.”*

HANNAH ANDERSON

Sojourn Network Leaders’ Summit 2019



**JESUS: THE CHIEF
SOUL-ENRICHING
FRIEND OF SINNERS**



JOHN 15:13

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.



ROMANS 5:6-8

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.





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