

With a Little Help from My Friends
Philippians 2:19-24
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I have long been an advocate of modern technology, but as personal touch decreases, good friends and the right kind of people are going to be in greater demand than ever before. There are some things that a text message just won't fix, regardless of how many smiley faces you place at the end of it.

Five Question Test – 20 points per Question:

1. Who won this year's baseball World Series?
2. Name the last three college football Heisman Trophy winners?
3. Name the last two NFL Super Bowl winners?
4. Name the top three wealthiest people in the world?
5. Name the last three season winners of The Voice?

Five New Questions – 20 points per question:

1. Name a few schoolteachers that helped you through your tough years in school.
2. Name one person who has been there for you as you went through a very difficult season of life.
3. Name two people that you enjoy spending time with.
4. Name the one person who was most responsible for bringing you to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
5. Who's Your One?

Takeaway:

The people we tend to remember most in life are not the ones who win the most Super Bowls, Heisman Trophies, or even have the most money; but rather, we all tend to remember those who were there for us during the hard times of life.

Four qualities of a good friendship:

- I. A Good Friend is Dependable

Philippians 2:19 (NKJV) But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

- II. A Good Friend is Compatible

Philippians 2:20 I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

Aristotle:

"There is what's called the natural affinity and friendships of life. Certain people simply gravitate towards other certain people who like the same things as they do."

A challenge to all single people:

Pray for a spouse who pursues Jesus Christ and the gospel as much as you do; then serve Jesus with that person for the rest of your life.

III. A Good Friend is Considerate

Philippians 2:20-21 (NKJV) For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. ²¹For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Are you a Philippians 1:21 Christian?

Philippians 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Or, are you a Philippians 2:21 Christian?

Philippians 2:21 For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

Dwight Pentecost:

“Here are saints to be taught. But no one cares. Here are wounded hearts to be bound up. But no one cares. Here are men to be reached for Christ. But no one cares. Here are adults that need discipling. But no one cares. Here are children to be taught in the things of God, but no one cares....Why? Because we are all too busy? Too preoccupied with our own business? No one cares.”

IV. A Good Friend is Loyal

Philippians 2:22-24 (NKJV) But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. ²³Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me. ²⁴But I trust in the Lord that I myself shall also come shortly.

Takeaway:

Always be slow in promoting someone to leadership positions in ministry because rapid advancement in ministry can cause someone to become proud. It takes more than good preaching to pastor a church; it takes mature leadership and seasoned servanthood.