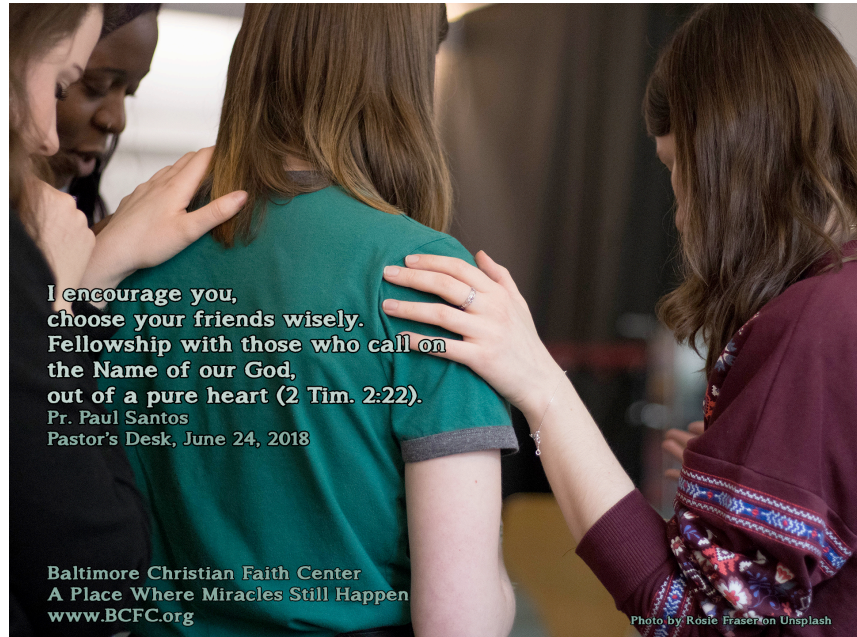


Tell Me Who Your Friends Are, and I Will Tell You Who You Are!

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The people we have on our list of friends and keep company with has a powerful influence on our spiritual lives. Fellowship with ungodly people (including backsliders) will drag us down to defeat, while goodly people will help speed us into victory! You may ask: “Where is that in the Bible?”

“I wrote you in my (previous) letter not to associate (closely and habitually) with unchaste (impure) people” (1 Cor. 5:9 AMP). I believe when it comes to friendship the Bible is very clear about our friends. We are encouraged not to have fellowship with the world, exactly because companions/friends will corrupt us on any given day! (2 Co 6:14). “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” We are not talking about people we need to reach out to for Jesus, rather about the people we choose for friends!

If we want to talk about the things of God and grow spiritually and continue to enjoy God’s blessings, we need to become selective, by not choosing friends who walk by the devil’s standards; people who do not give God any place in their lives. Why? They are such a nice people! I guarantee you that at some point, they will pull you down. As we rub shoulders with them,

we will expose ourselves to temptation, and get so familiar with sin. All of the sudden sin will start to appear less repulsive, and sooner or later we will fall for it!

I encourage you, choose your friends wisely. Fellowship with those who call on the Name of our God, out of a pure heart (2 Tim. 2:22). Get exposed to the love of God through them and let their faith rub on off onto you; you will never regret it!

Bottom line: "Tell me who your friends are, and I will tell you who you are!"
What would God say about your friends right now????

In Him, your friend,
Pr. Paul Santos