

Thoughts of Friendship

Let's think about friends for a while. What is most important to you about a friend? How can you be sure that you choose the right kind of friends? If you were given the chance to pick the "perfect" friend, what qualities would you look for in that person? A penny for your thoughts, in fact, how about twenty-five pennies for your thoughts? Each of the thought balloons below are filled with ideas about friends, and each thought is worth a different amount. Read through all of the choices and see what kind of friend you can come up with for just 25¢. Have fun, but be careful.

5¢ Thoughts

- Is a Christian
- Is very generous
- Is cute
- Is a good listener

6¢ Thoughts

- Is rich
- Is popular
- Is smart
- Is kind

3¢ Thoughts

- Is Loyal
- Is Dependable
- Is Honest
- Is Talented

Are you happy with the "friend" you chose? What kind of person do you think your friend will help you to be? Will you grow spiritually as you spend time with this person? Remember to "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace" (Psalm 37:37).

4¢ Thoughts

- Has a fun personality
- Has high moral standards
- Has nice clothes
- Has a good sense of humor

2¢ Thoughts

- Loves music
- Loves athletics
- Loves his/her parents
- Loves to talk

1¢ Thoughts

- Enjoys same food as you do
- Enjoys same music as you do
- Enjoys meeting new people
- Enjoys same hobbies as you do



CHOOSING FRIENDS

Write 3 things you like in a friend: _____

Read PROVERBS 18:24

How can I make friends? _____

Read PROVERBS 13:20

What kind of friends should I make? _____

Read PROVERBS 22:24 - 25

Why should I be careful in choosing friends? _____

What is good about choosing Christian friends?



Love + Respect = Friendship

Do we choose our friends or do friends just happen?

How should we go about establishing friendships? See Proverbs 18:24.

What qualities should we look for in friends?

Why do you think Ruth chose to go with Naomi?

Do you follow your friends? Do you influence them in a good way?

What is the most important thing you want from your friends?

What is the most important thing you can do for your friends?

Choosing Friends



Text: Ruth 1:6-18

Key Verse: Proverbs 1:10

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Why do you think Ruth chose to go with Naomi?

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What qualities should we look for in friends?

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How should we go about establishing friendships? See Proverbs 18:24.

4

How might our associations affect what other people think of us?

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Why is it important to have godly standards and goals established in our own lives when we're developing friendships?

Name: _____