

FRIENDS ARE NEEDED

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The following article came to me recently and I contended that I should pass it on. It has been slightly edited and a conclusion added.

You're My friend, my companion,
through good times and bad, my friend,
my buddy, through happy and sad,
beside me you stand, beside me you walk,
you're there to listen, you're there to talk,
with happiness, with smiles,
with pain and tears, I know you'll be there, throughout the years!
You are all good friends to me and I am grateful to you.

If you give this to:

- 1 person - you are lonely!
- 2 people - you have a couple friends, but not many!
- 3 people - you have a few friends!
- 4 people - you have some friends!
- 5 people - you have several friends!
- 6 people - you have many friends!
- 7 people - you are so loved!

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command," (John 15:13,14). Everyone needs many friends. God did not create us to be isolationists or hermits. He made us to social creatures. Thus, this is how evangelism takes place. Let do it!

Plainly, don't get short changed. Let's be ready to meet our Maker. The Bible teaches that to avoid hell and gain heaven - one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (Acts 16:31)
- 2) Repent Of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (Acts 8:37)
- 4) Be Baptized In Water (Acts 2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (Acts 14:22)
- 6) Be Active In the Church (Acts 2:47)

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