

Choosing Wise Friends

And let us keep paying attention to one another, in order to spur each other on to love and good deeds, not neglecting our own congregational meetings, as some have made a practice of doing, but, rather, encouraging each other. And let us do this all the more as you see the Day approaching. CJB

HEBREWS 10:24-25

If we are committed to following Gods path, if we want to hold on to our hope in Christ, if we want to grow in wisdom, initiative, goodness, discipline, truth and so on, then we should intentionally surround ourselves with people who exhibit those qualities.

Choosing the right friends is like putting together our own personal development team; it will greatly enhance our efforts in moving forward on the right path. If we want to develop sober judgment, we should choose friends renowned for making wise decisions. If we want to strengthen our convictions, we should pick people with reputations for standing up for what they believe. If we wish we were kinder, we should spend more time with those who treat others with gentleness and grace. If we want to walk more closely with God, we should put ourselves under the influence of people who make spiritual disciplines a priority. As our friendships with those people grow, so will our character and our pursuit of godliness.

PRAY: *Ask God for wisdom in choosing friends who can aid your personal development and spur you on toward love and good deeds and for whom you can do the same.*