



BECOMING A FRIEND...

John 15:14

BECOMING A FRIEND...

I. In Obedience

II. In Our Mission

III. In Our Heart

BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OBEDIENCE

A. Connected to Love

- 1) Being a friend is being obedient (John 15:14)
 - 2) Being obedient is to love (John 14:15, Deut. 10:12; 11:22)
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OBEDIENCE

A. Connected to Love

B. We Can't Pick and Choose

- 1) If the Lord expects obedience, there is no option but total obedience
 - 2) Example: Saul (I Samuel 15)
 - 3) If I can pick and choose what to obey, then I can choose to obey nothing!
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR MISSION

A. To Reach the Lost

- 1) To be a friend of Christ is to share His goals
 - 2) Who did He come for? (Mark 2:16-17)
 - 3) Who are we here for? (Mark 16:15)
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR MISSION

A. To Reach the Lost

B. To Build the Church

- 1) Remember how it was founded! (Acts 2:41-47)
 - 2) The Lord expects it to be set apart/clean (Ephesians 5:25-27)
 - 3) We bear responsibility in keeping the church pure (I Cor. 5)
 - 4) We bear responsibility in the spiritual growth of the church (Ephesians 4:16)
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR MISSION

A. To Reach the Lost

B. To Build the Church

C. To Be Saved

- 1) How can I be a friend to the Lord, if I disregard His sacrifice?
 - 2) Being saved requires active participation (Acts 2:37; 16:30)
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR HEART

A. We can't have divided loyalty

- 1) Few things hurt worse than a friend whose loyalty is unclear
 - 2) God demands first place (Matthew 6:19-24, James 4:4)
 - 3) Example: Paul (Galatians 1:10)
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BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR HEART

A. We can't have divided loyalty

B. We can't be obedient only

1) Obedience is essential

2) Obedience alone isn't enough (John 4:24, Romans 2:28-29)

3) Example- Church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:2-6)

BECOMING A FRIEND... IN OUR HEART

A. We can't have divided loyalty

B. We can't be obedient only

C. Without hypocrisy

- 1) Must be careful of our motivations (Matt. 6:1-6)
 - 2) Must be careful to not fool ourselves (James 1:22-25)
 - 3) Must be careful of inward sin (1 John 4:20)
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