

## Friends

Friends are close people that you know intimately. It is very good to have friends that you can associate with, share information, confide in and care about unconditionally. Friends can have a good or bad impact to our lives. This is because they are people that you relate with and have the same talk, mannerism ("tell me your friends and I will tell you your character"). Peer pressure is the term often used to describe the influence from friends which is either positive or negative.

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I had two friends I loved so much. We meet in S.1 and became friends immediately. Reaching S 3, they got into relationships, one of them to a sugar daddy and another to a student in another school. They started having a lot of money, they could buy everything they wanted i.e. shoes, clothes. Every girl admired them.

One of them told me one day how she lost her virginity and I got so scared and how she is 'not' scared of getting pregnant. She told me how she escaped from home to go and meet him. After two days, she introduced me to a married man who she wants to be my boyfriend. He has a lot of money, should I accept him?

### Fact

- They are not good friends
- They are not focused on what took them to school
- Bad desire of money is a root cause to all evil
- Sex is for marriage (Abstain)
- They are a bad influence to her

### Always

- Choose friends that will influence you positively.
- Always pray for your friends
- Pray for guidance from God while making friends
- Have an independent mind; know what is right and what is wrong to do.

*It is said "Birds of the same feathers, flock together, show me your friend and I will show you your character".*