

## “ARE YOU FRIENDS WITH JESUS?”

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I would imagine that if you were to ask people the question, “Are you friends with Jesus?” most people would say, “Yes.” However, it takes more than just saying “Yes” to that question, in order to truly be a friend of Jesus.

The Bible says, John 15:14 “Ye are my friends, IF ye do whatsoever I command you.” KJV

It takes more than just saying, “I’m a friend of Jesus,” it takes obedience to His word!

Jesus came to be our Savior. He died to save us from our sins. He desires to be the Lord of our life. But He also wants to be our friend, yet this friendship is based on obedience.

Many people claim to be a friend of God, yet that don’t obey His word. They don’t listen to His voice. They live their lives according to their own desires. That is not the way a friend of God lives.

Actions still speak louder than words. It doesn’t matter how much we say that we love God, if we aren’t willing to keep his commandments. If we aren’t willing to obey His word. If we aren’t willing to live our lives for His glory and not our own.

Luke 11:28...”blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.” KJV

Do you want to be blessed? We all do. The Bible says that we will be, IF we hear the word of God and keep it. Obey it. Adhere to what it has to say.

You don’t reveal your deepest secrets to everyone you meet. There are some things that you only share with your close friends. God is the same way. We will never know all that we could know, if we aren’t close friends with Him. If we don’t spend a lot of time together. If we don’t cherish His Word and the things He says to us.

We are told to choose our friends wisely. Why? Because they will influence us. We will pick up on some of their ways. We will find some of their thoughts and habits becoming our own. It’s true; we begin to emulate the attitudes and actions, words and spirits of our friends.

Are you becoming more like Jesus? Are His ways becoming your ways and His thoughts your thoughts?

Peter and John were recognized as men who had been with Jesus. I want to be recognized for the same thing. I want people to be able to tell that we are close friends.