## Friends

There is a well known saying "A friend in need is a friend indeed" but how many of one's acquaintances are friends in need? A good friend is a treasure; he is a helping hand to one at all times; he believes in you always. A person is judged by the companions and friends he he has. They either make or unmake him, and carefulness should be practised in choosing your friends. It is easy to get a friend to share your joys but hard to get one to share your

sorrows and disappointments.

A weak willed person is never strong enough to resist the influence of bad friends; and after he has acquired their bad habits he lacks the will power to drop them. Therefore one should hesitate in joining a company of had friends.

A friend is a help to you in your path of lile; he stands by you in your troubles and is a comfort to you in your unhappiness. If you are fortunate enough to have such a friend you should try to preserve his friendship. You should appreciate his friendship now and not wake up when you have lost it.

He is a friend who believes in you when all others doubt you; who will trust you when all others distrust you; who will stay with you until the end.

When everybody has lost faith in you, when you are desolate and downcast and when the world is against you, there is nothing like having a friend who will champion you in all your troubles. Rather have a few triends, or even one good friend than a multitude of "just friends" for a friend in need is a friend indeed.

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