

THE ASSOCIATIONS BIBLE STUDY

Associations are the connections people make in their lives with other people. Friendships, partnerships, marriage, co-workers, and family are a few examples of associations. The Bible has much to say about associations and the effects they have on our lives.

1. Some people have a hard time having friendships and companions. Look at what the Bible has to say about those who do not have friends.
 - a. According to Psalm 88:18 what was the friend of the person who had lost his loved ones and companions? _____
What does that tell you about this person? _____
 - b. According to Psalm 142:4 what were some of the feelings of the person who did not have anyone who was close to him? _____

2. Sometimes friends and companions are not sincere. Look at Proverbs 19:4. What brings someone many friends? _____
Why would this be the case? _____
What happens to the friends of a poor man? _____
Why would this be the case? _____

3. We will take a look at what happens when we make the wrong choice about the people with whom we associate.
 - a. According to Exodus 23:2 what should we not follow along with? _____

 - b. According to 2 Chronicles 19:2 what were people doing in regard to associations that they should not have been doing? _____

What is the result of doing this? _____
 - c. According to Psalm 1:1 what are three associations we should not have so that we can be blessed by the Lord? _____

 - d. According to Proverbs 1:10-16 what are we warned against doing? _____

 - e. According to Proverbs 22:24 what kind of people should we not be associated with? _____
 - f. According to Luke 23:11-12 when King Herod and Governor Pilate were dealing with Jesus and condemning him to death what happened as they were both involved in this evil purpose? _____
Why do you think this happened? _____
 - g. According to 1 Corinthians 5:11 there are people who call themselves brothers (Christians) and yet do not act like it. What are we commanded to do in regard to associating with these people? _____

- h. According to 1 Corinthians 15:33 what will happen to us if we choose to associate with morally corrupt people? _____.
- i. According to 2 Corinthians 6:14-16 what are we commanded not to do with unbelievers? _____.
- To be yoked with someone would indicate a close association. Can you give some examples of a relationship where you should not be “yoked” with an unbeliever? _____.
- j. According to 2 Thessalonians 3:6 what are two characteristics of those we should not develop associations with? _____.
- _____.
4. Next we want to consider what type of associations we should develop and what benefits those associations will have for us.
- a. According to Psalm 119:63 what are two characteristics of people that we should be friends with? _____.
- b. According to Proverbs 13:20 what type of people should we associate with? _____.
- What happens to those who have fools as companions? _____.
- c. According to Proverbs 17:17 what are two characteristics of a true friend? _____.
- _____.
- Do you have any friends like this? _____.
- d. According to Proverbs 27:6 what does a friend sometimes do to us? _____.
- _____.
- If this is done out of Godly friendship is this a good or bad thing? _____.
- e. According to Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 what are some reasons for having a good friend in your life? _____.
- _____.
- f. According to John 15:14 what do the friends of Jesus do? _____.
- _____.
- Do you qualify as being a friend of Jesus based upon this criterion? _____.
5. Sometimes it is better for us to be alone. According to Matthew 14:23 why did Jesus choose to be alone? _____.
- Can you think of any other situations where it would be better to be alone than to be with friends? _____.
- _____.
6. According to Luke 16:9 what should we use to gain friends for ourselves? _____.
- _____.
- Why should we do this? _____.
- This tells us that we should make friends who will also be followers of Jesus and will be in heaven with us. How do you decide who to make friends with? _____.
- _____.

