

Friendship!

KJV 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

GWN 2 Corinthians 6:14 Stop forming inappropriate relationships with unbelievers. Can right and wrong be partners? Can light have anything in common with darkness?

This version says it plainly! **Our relationship with non-believers cannot be the same as with believers!**

I'm concerned that societies attempt at inclusion and equality is forcing people to relate and react to people inappropriately!

The world is calling for the church lower its standards and treat sinners as saints!

Believers cannot, I repeat cannot have the same relationship with the world as we do with God!

Any more than a married person can have the same relationship with an unmarried person, that's called being unfaithful and adultery!

GWN James 4:4 You unfaithful people! Don't you know that love for this evil world is hatred toward God? Whoever wants to be a friend of this world is an enemy of God. 5 Do you think this passage means nothing? It says, "The Spirit that lives in us wants us to be his own."

James calls believers' **adulterers & adulteresses** breakers of the marriage covenant when they have **inappropriate relationships** with the world.

Even the world recognizes **an emotional affair** when two married people share their intimate thoughts and feelings with someone other than their spouse.

❖ **Friendship** is a relationship where intimate thoughts, ideas, faithfulness, trust, love and kindness are shared between two people.

How strong is your relationship and connection with the world?

- Are you sharing your **most** intimate thoughts and feelings with the world rather than God?
- Are you influenced more by the world's opinion or The Word of God?
- Do you trust the world with your life more than God?
- Are you more faithful to the world than you are to God?

- Are you more patient, kind and understanding with the world than God and his people!

KJV Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times...!

If you are a friend of the world you are on the world's side and agree with what the world says about God and His church!

You say things like, the church is full of fake people! Like the world is full of honest people and why doesn't God do something about x, y, z?

First of all, God is perfect, and His ways are perfect.

Secondly, God is perfecting His church (that's us), it does yet appear what we shall be but when Christ appears we will all be changed!

Can you honestly say the world has **always** been there for you in your time of need?

No, you can't, especially if you're a believer!

The world has not been there for you unless you are **not** a child of God!

KJV John 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Jesus says if the world loves you it's because you belong to the world and not God.

Jesus says the world hates us because He picked us and took us out of the world!

So we hear things like: *you think you're better than me, you think you're so much!*

The world hates us because we accepted God's mercy & grace so He favors us!

If the world loves you, is accepting, kind, easily sharing its wealth and resources with you the world loves you and is your friend!

GWN John 15:18 "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me before it hated you.

But if you have trouble fitting into the world's system—it's way of thinking, doing and acting **all** because of your **relationship** with Jesus!

You are a child and a **friend** of God!

Friends take care of one another! If the world is your friend, then the world will take care of you!

But if God is your friend He will take care of you!

The world is an unreliable friend!

NIV Proverbs 18:24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

The world is unreliable, fickle and unstable having the world as a friend will bring you to ruin!

KJV Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

The world is an **angry friend!** Upset over race, politics, human rights, global warming you name it!

GWN Hebrews 13:5 Don't love money. Be happy with what you have because God has said, "I will never abandon you or leave you."

The world will and has turned its back on you; but God never has and never will turn His back on His people.

GWN John 15:14 You are my friends if you obey my commandments.

15 I don't call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. But I've called you friends because I've made known to you everything that I've heard from my Father.

A servant stays **close, loyal and trustworthy** just as friends do, but the difference is **friends are close, loyal and trustworthy** because of the level of **intimacy**.

Jesus let the disciples know what He knew, what He would do in certain situations and how He handled the world He lived in!

If you are a child of God, the world is not your friend!