**“”Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,
Lest you learn his ways
And set a snare for your soul.”**

**Proverbs 22:24-25, NKJV.**

Wise Solomon reminds us in this "to the point,"

"right on the money", "straight as an arrow," concise, curt, crisp, terse,

succinct passage, that our friends **do** influence us. (**Remember when your grandma used to say, "You are known by the company that you keep?")** Well, guess what? She was right...she and King Solomon are in perfect agreement! And here's a "tie a string around your finger" reminder from shrewd Solomon's own words,

**"Do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways."**

**Do not “make friends with angry, always-annoyed, fuming, irritated, infuriated, cross, incensed, mad, livid, irate, mean, “make you see red,” “cause your blood to boil” people!” (Can we all say, “hopping mad!”) For, they can influence you to be outraged, enraged, and “unengaged” for the Lord!**

 **(Now, that’s what Solomon’s talkin’ ‘bout!)**

And….MAKE ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY, TOTALLY, WHOLLY, “IN EVERY RESPECT” SURE…..

when you choose a companion, colleague, collaborator, crony, cohort, chum, or comrade,

that he/she loves Jesus! **(Now, that’s what Solomon’s talkin’ ‘bout!)**

And, his father, King David, could add a little spice to this thought, too—(**Psalm 100:2,** **KJV),**

**“Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.”**

And so, Today, this “Find Good Friends” Friday, “**“Serve the Lord with gladness,” surrounded by “like-hearted” ‘FELLOWS IN THE FAITH!’**

***It is always….because of Him,***

***Lindi***

**Dear Perfect Father, thank You for Solomon’s and David’s words that ring out centuries “long gone” and still show me truth and guidance. Thank You for the Bible that is living and wondrous and magnificent. Draw me into its pages with new enthusiasm and eagerness. Thank You for a chance to serve You and others. Guide me in my friendships to be wise and willing. Let me use discernment in my companionships. Help me do more for the poor and needy and desperate. Meet my needs so that I might give to others generously. Forgive me when I doubt or hesitate or halt. Today, I ask a special blessing on those facing surgery, medical issues, or mental weakness; send them Your great comforter and Your healing. For those afraid, take them back to the cross where You “stomped on” fear! I ask for protection, peace, and Your flawless will to be around me today. Highlight my path, so that I may serve You with great love and compassions. Send Your peace to Jerusalem and Your salvation to Israel. Bring Your kingdom to earth, my glorious King! I adore You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Salvation is free, but you must choose. Examine the gift of eternal life through Jesus this day, and ask Him into your heart. Call me…316-323-3889 if you’re unsure.**