

# Friends or Just Acquaintances?

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*The true privilege of being a friend of God requires a relaxed informality that allows us to sit in His presence without artificial stimulation.*

**Scripture:** John 4:23, Romans 6:17, 1 Timothy 1:15, 2 Timothy 2:2, Titus 1:9

**Topics:** "Sound Doctrine", "End Times"

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## Description

Larry Richards emphasizes the importance of 'the standard' or prototype in preaching and teaching, using the Greek word 'hupotuposis' to illustrate the concept of a model for imitation or outline for guidance. Paul urges Timothy to adhere to the doctrinal beliefs outlined in Scripture, ensuring the integrity and accuracy of his ministry. The 'plumb line' of sound doctrine serves as a foundation for building up strong, solid believers, especially crucial as we near the end times and the return of Christ.

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## Transcript

There is a great difference between having ?company? and having a friend in the house. The friend we can treat as a member of the family, but company must be entertained. God is not satisfied until there exists between Him and His people a relaxed informality that requires no artificial stimulation. The true friend of God may sit in His presence for long periods in silence. Complete trust needs no words of assurance. Such words have long ago been spoken and the adoring heart can safely be still before God. Unquestionably the highest privilege granted to man on earth is to be admitted into the circle of the friends of God.

Nothing is important enough to be allowed to stand in the way of our relation to God.

Nothing in heaven or earth or hell can separate us from the love of God; we should see to it that nothing on earth shall separate us from God?s friendship

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