

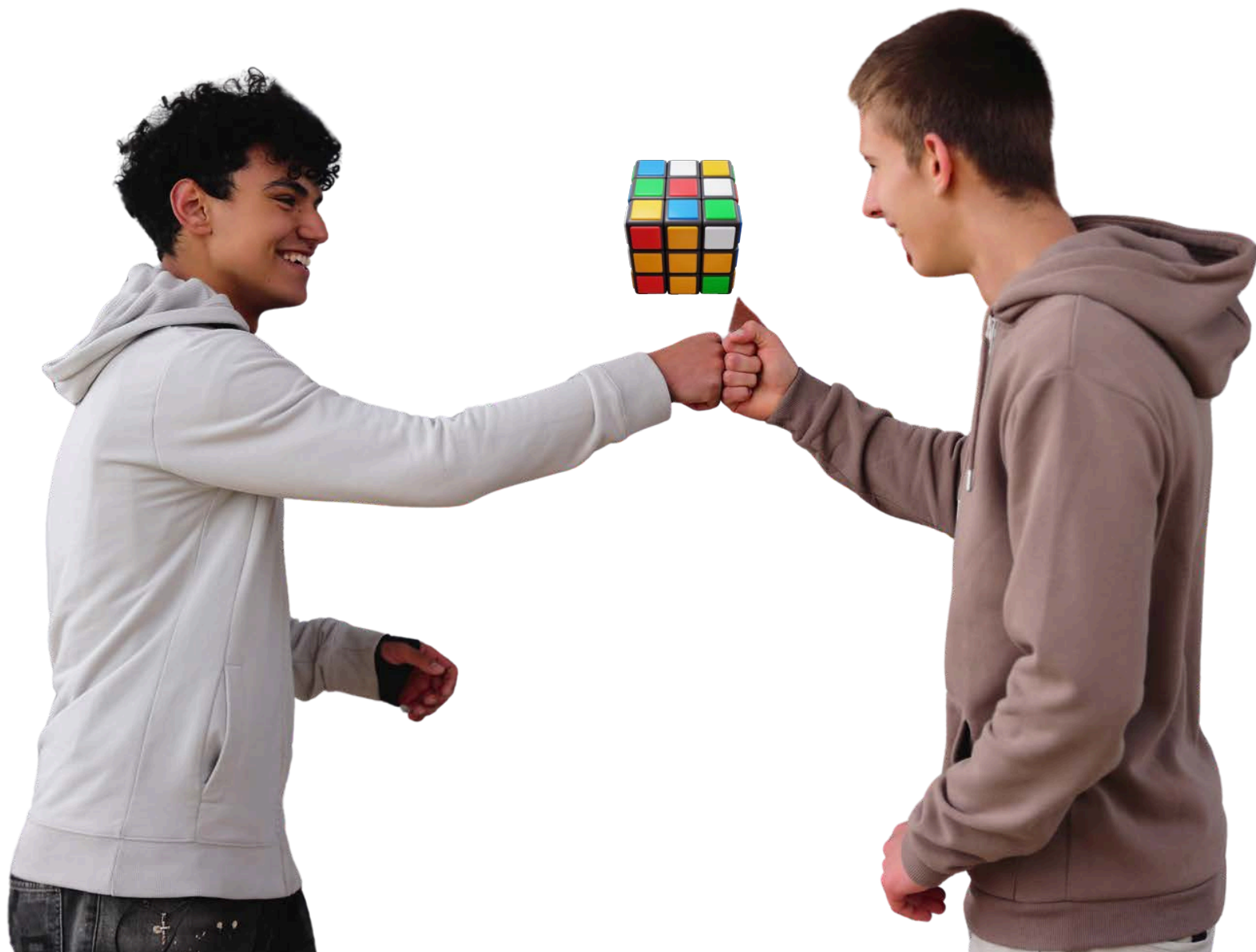
**The Power of good  
friends**



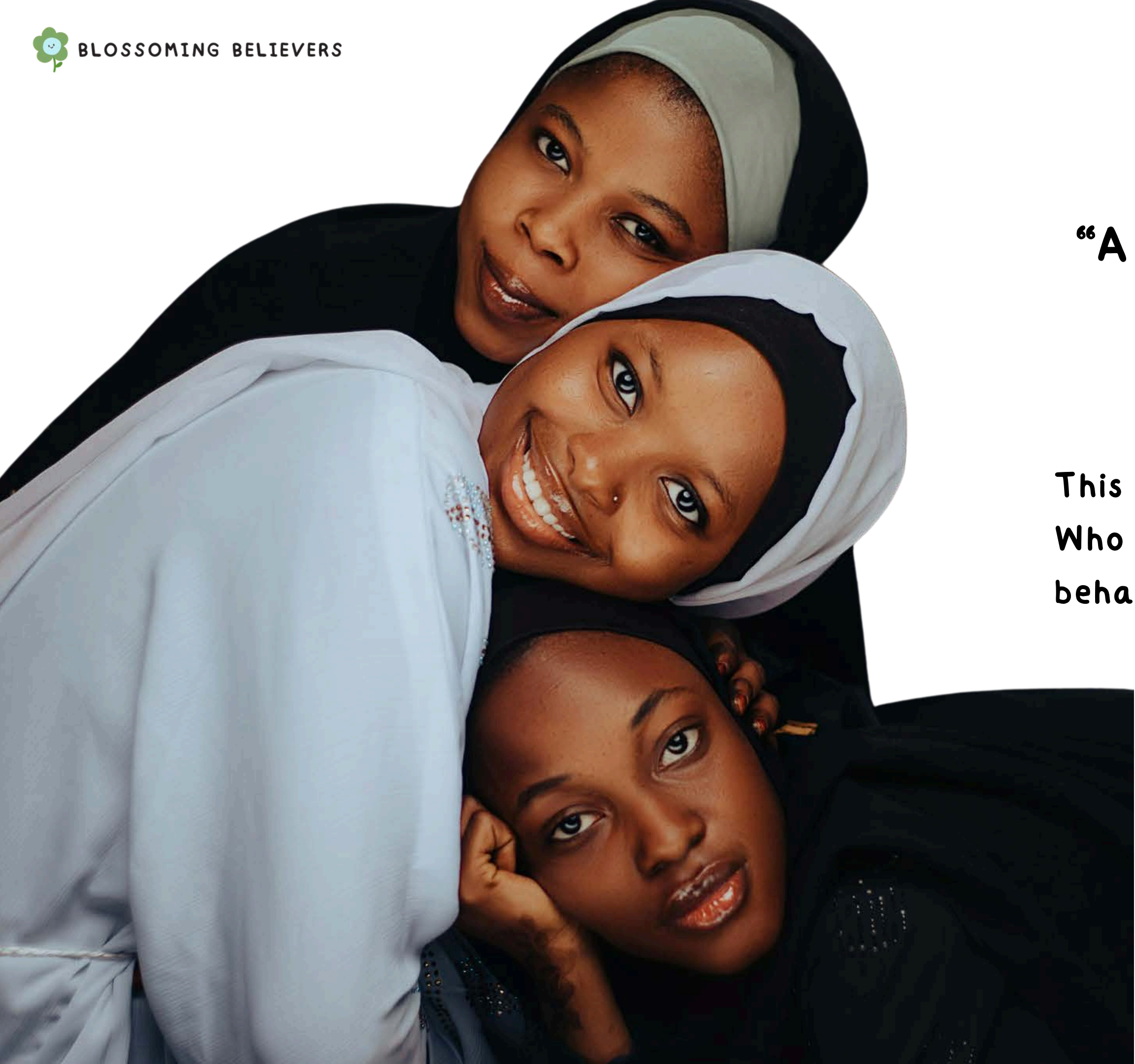


**How friendships shape our hearts,  
our habits and our journey to Allah.**

# Why do Friends Matter?



- In Islam, friendships are not small things.
- A friend can lift you up or pull you down
- A friend can remind you of Allah, or make you forget Him.
- Good friends help you grow into the best version of yourself



Prophet Muhammad ﷺ :said

**“A person is upon the religion of  
his close friend.”  
(Tirmidhi)**

**This means:**

**Who you choose to be close to affects how you  
behave, speak and think.**

## Surah Al-Kahf (18:28)

**“...Stay with those who call upon their Lord morning and evening...”**

### **Explanation:**

*Stay close to people who remember Allah and keep you strong.*

# The Perfume Seller and the Blacksmith

The Prophet ﷺ gave a beautiful example:

A good friend is like a perfume seller.

Even if you do not buy any perfume, you still walk away smelling nice because you were close to something good.



**A bad friend is like a blacksmith.**

Being nearby someone who is working with sparks can leave you with unpleasant odours or sparks on your clothes, much like the negative influence of a bad friend.

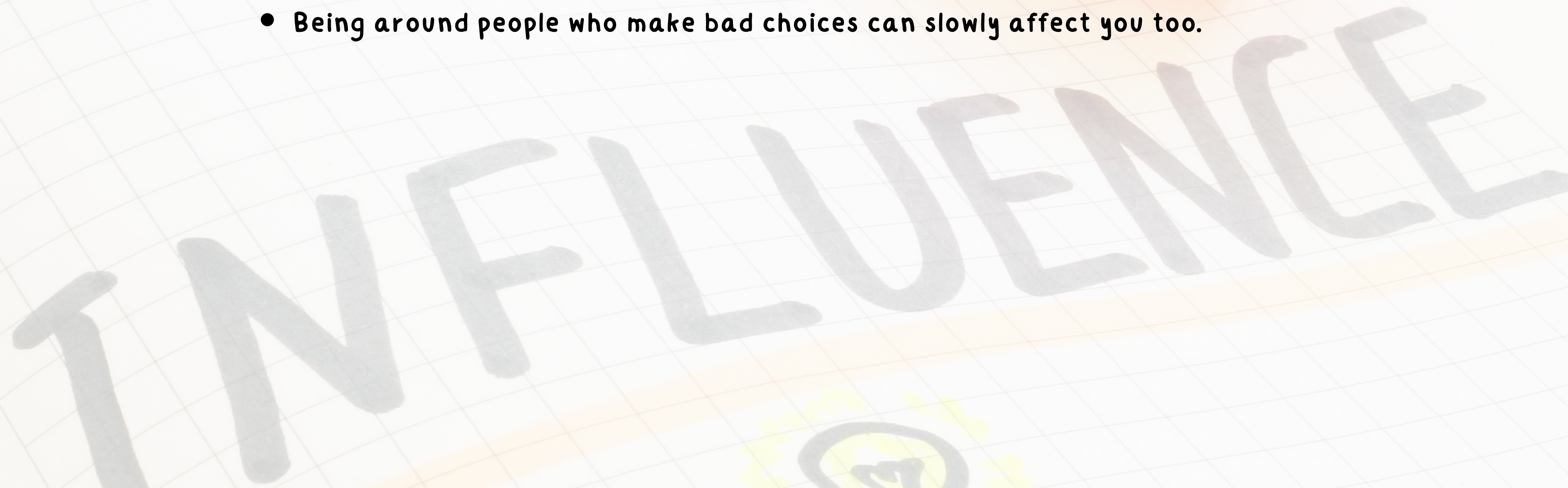
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Search: What is a  
Blacksmith?

# In other words

- Your friends can affect you, even if they don't mean to.
- Spending time with kind and positive friends makes you feel happy.
- Being around people who make bad choices can slowly affect you too.



## Surah Al-Zukhruf (43:67)

“Close friends on that Day will be enemies to one another, except the righteous.”

### Explanation:

*The only friendships that last forever are those built on goodness.*

**“A person is on the religion of his close friend.” (Tirmidhī)**

**Explanation:**

*You become like the people you spend the most time with.*



# Qualities of a Good Friend

A good friend:



- Reminds you of Allah
- Encourages prayer
- Likes you for your personality
- Communicates kindly
- Helps avoid poor choices

*What do you think makes a good friend?*



## Surah Al-Furqān (25:27–29)

“Woe to me! I wish I had not taken that person as a friend.”

### Explanation:

*Bad friends can lead you away from Allah, so choose them wisely.*



# A true friend

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Wishes you well in this life and the next.

Supports you in remaining authentic to your beliefs and identity, regardless of whether they share the same faith.

*What does a true friend mean to you?*



## Surah At-Tawbah (9:119)

**“O believers, be mindful of Allah and be with the truthful.”**

### **Explanation:**

*Your friends should be honest, trustworthy and truthful.*



# Good friends protect your heart by:



**Encouraging good deeds**

**Teaching you patience and kindness**

**Giving good advice**

**Helping you stay away from sins**

**Helping you build confidence and  
good character**

**“None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother (sister/friend) what he loves for himself.” (Bukhārī & Muslim)**

**Explanation:**

*Good friends want the same good for others that they want for themselves.*

# Choose good Friends



Select friends who:

- Discuss beneficial topics
- Are kind and just
- Encourage self-improvement
- Remind you of Allah
- Make you humbly proud of your Muslim identity
- Motivate you to be better

*Such friends are a true gift.*

# Avoid Harmful Friendships



**Avoid friends who:**

**Gossip**

**Mock others**

**Encourage disobedience**

**Lie or cheat**

**Pressure you to fit in**

**Distract you from your faith**

*Seek friendships that uplift you.*

## Dua for Good Friends

Ask Allah for friends who guide you to goodness.

**“O Allah, bless me with friends who bring me closer to You.”**

*A beautiful friendship is part of Allah's mercy.*

## TIPS

**True friends encourage you to do good  
Good friends provide strength and support.**

**A good friend is worth the wait.**

**Having a few good friends is better than having many who are not.**

**Good friends guide you on the right path.**

**Choose wisely,**

*And strive to be a friend who spreads positivity.*

## REMEMBER

**Strive to be that supportive friend, and Allah will bring wonderful people into your life.**

**Keep in mind that perfection in anyone doesn't exist, neither in you nor in me.**

**Therefore, practice patience and tolerance towards others, just as you would wish for them to treat you.**



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