
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.



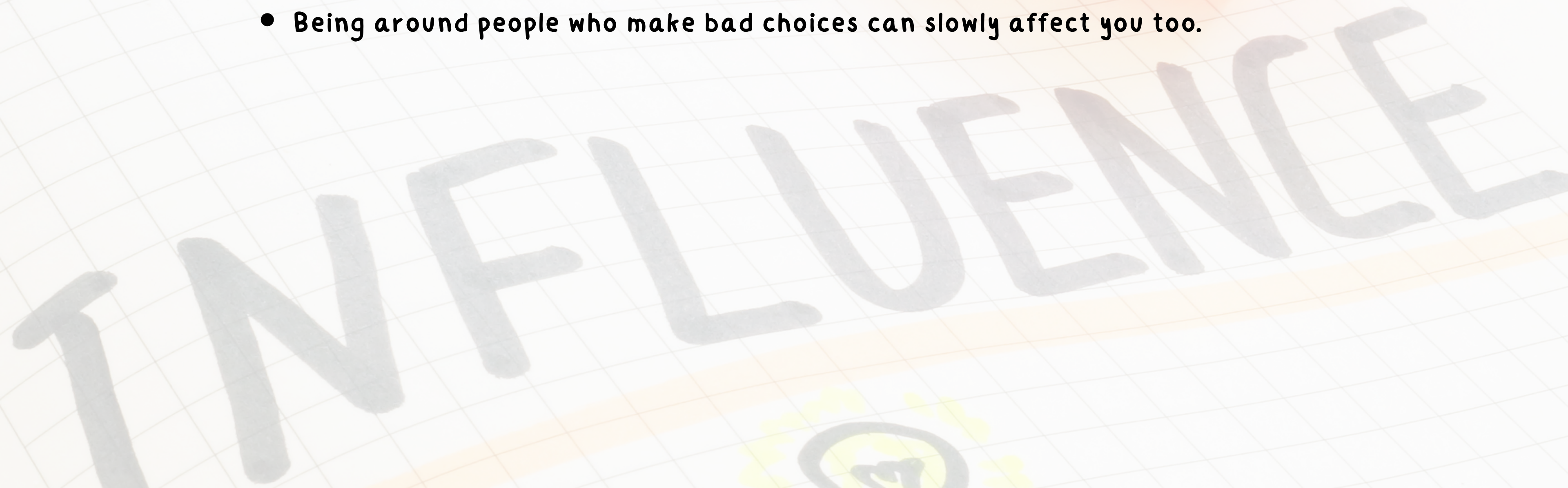
Bad



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)

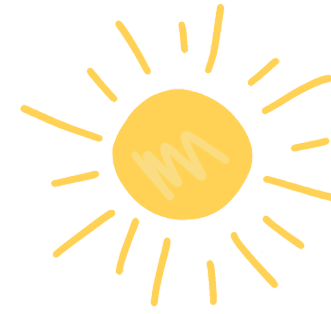
Explanation:

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

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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