

Longview Baptist Temple
Adult Sunday School Lesson
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FUN AND FRIENDS CAMPAIGN
THE PRINCIPLES OF FRIENDSHIP

AIM: To teach my pupils that God has an “ordained” path that each of us are to walk and on that path we will meet people that God has planned for us to meet and help.

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:1-6; Eph. 2:8-10

INTRODUCTION: God has a plan for each of our lives. He has foreordained your life, but more important He has ordained your paths. God has planned the paths of your life.

THE LESSON:

I. God has ordained our paths.

- a. This includes the schools we are to attend, the mate we are to marry, and the profession we are to enter.
- b. He said, “Which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

II. God has ordained our good works.

- a. The good works that God has foreordained must be found on the paths he has foreordained that we walk.
- b. God said I have some good works I want you to perform, but He said if you don’t walk the foreordained path you won’t be able to help the people I planned for you to help.

III. God has ordained people to help on that path.

- a. It does not mean in these scriptures that God has foreordained that you do good works. It means God has ordained WHAT good works you are suppose to do.
- b. So in order to do the good works that He has foreordained that you do, you must be on the foreordained path where God has placed certain people on that you are suppose to help.

IV. Those works must be on His ordained paths not our ordained paths.

- a. How do you stay on that path? Never quit a job given you. Never make a lateral move. Let God promote you.
- b. If you get off of the path then quickly seek help to get back on the ordained path. Pride is the biggest reason for people going to Hell and living a Hellish life of rebellion.

V. God foreordains our friends and they are on that foreordained path.

- a. A friend is a gift from God.
- b. God has chosen for those friends to be on that path ordained of God that you walk on.
- c. So in order to be of help to your friends effectively you must stay on that ordained path.
- d. You must do the works on that ordained path in order to be of help to your God given friends.

VI. If you are not in the will of God and missed the ordained path then you do not have any real true friends.

VII. God has foreordained our good works, on that ordained path, for our foreordained friends.
(Luke 10:30-35)

VIII. Your friend’s needs and your haves will coincide on that foreordained path.

IX. God gives you friends to help others and not to help yourself.

- a. Thus on these paths I must look for what I can do for others and not what others can do for me.
- b. Selfishness vs. unselfishness