

TROPHY FRIEND

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Social media brought the term "trophy friend" into the newest pop culture lingo. Urban Dictionary explains what it means-"A celebrity or random hot girl/guy that you have on your Facebook friends list as proof that they acknowledge your existence."



Perhaps one could also describe a trophy friend as anyone who has (or had) their 15-minutes of fame (world- or community-wide) either through business, politics, academia or religion. One can score points of admiration or jealousy just by getting them to "friend" you.

I'm not against friending such people on social media sites. I admire many and would enjoy befriending them, but what is my intent behind the desire to do so? Am I doing it to make myself look better in the eyes of my friends or myself?

"Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise and skillful person glory and boast in his wisdom and skill; let not the mighty and powerful person glory and boast in his strength and power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory and boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches;" Jeremiah 9:23 AMP

This does make me examine my priorities. I and all the rest of my community of believers already have the greatest trophy friend in the entire universe. Do I boast of His majesty? Boast of His ultimate sacrifice to save my life? Boast of the daily sustenance, encouragement and love He lavishes on me every single day, in good times or bad?

I remember the example set by David when he joyfully leapt and danced down Main Street Jerusalem when his trophy Friend came back to town. Okay he was king so wouldn't get arrested for being a public nuisance, but can I act any less thankful for my King acknowledging my existence by making me His trophy friend for eternity? Can I boast in love to prove to those who yearn for the perfect trophy friend that they already have one too?

"But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord." Jeremiah 9:24 AMP

What a friend we have in Jesus!



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Prayers: 1. Jesus, forgive us when our pride starts boasting...

37. Dear Lord in Heaven, there are so many times I feel like...

53. Dear Father in Heaven who guides, protects and sustains me...

Super Girl: 19. You know the song "I've Got Peace Like a River"? To me...

Scripture References: Philippians 3:8; Galatians 6:14

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