

## #315 Why Do Christians Dump you Like a

Hot Potato.

The word friend is used very loosely nowadays, the majority of today's friends are only your friend until they don't agree with you, or you don't agree with them. These are called Fair Weather friends, as long as they can feel good or look good to society, then all is well.

A true friend will laugh with you and also cry with you, they will tell you the truth and not lies, they will not deliberately hurt your feelings but realize that feelings are only a form of pride!

Jesus is a (the) friend. **Proverbs 18:24** A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. (Jesus)

If two people part or divorce, It seems that society rules that you have to choose one of them as a friend and the other one as the bad one. I personally could never see this, I have had friends that went their separate ways and I am still friends to them both, if they were my friends before, (just because they had differences) they are still my friends. I don't deny that I wish they could heal their differences and get back together.

Most fair weather friends are self centered, you know, my feelings come first, they're so concerned with what other people may think of them.

Them or someone like them will usually spread half truths (with the enfaces naturally being on the bad part) and not dwell on the good.

**Philip 4:8\*** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

When we think of PRIDE, we think of the pharisee in **Lu 18:11-14**,

but it is like a stick, it has two ends, HIGH esteem and LOW. Low esteem is just as big a sin as high esteem, you grab the stick in the middle and it will balance itself. Why do you think the bible says, "Do all things in moderation?" **Philip 4:5\*** Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

ONLY BY PRIDE cometh contention, **Pr 13:10** , you see, in 2006 the Lord showed me I was self centered and proud and like a dummy, I argued with him. He was gracious, and ask me, why do you get an up tight feelings when somebody disagrees with you? I said well it kinda hurts my feeling, he said in other words it hurt your pride, so I had to admit YES. He went on and said you may not have high esteem like the Pharisee or low esteem and think your good for nothing but what about your self centeredness, you know, its OK as long as I get what I want, and he went on. Finally, I said guilty Lord, I just never looked at it that way before, will you please forgive me and help me overcome my self centeredness. I found that this isn't just once you put this under you, but something you have to work on from time to time Like one brother in the Lord says, "As long as I'm in this life, I have not overcome it totally, but I have left home

and every day I'm more victorious."

Over the last month, I have had the very same people that have ridiculed me in the past, do it in big time including the fabricated stories. This time I had total peace, as a matter of fact I laughed within myself, because I knew it was Satan using them. God knows my intentions and my thoughts and there is not one word of truth in what they say.

I sure hope and trust that this will help you understand and overcome this criticism.

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