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# PEER PRESSURE



## Definition

An overwhelming need to be accepted by friends or people in my group.

**A** TEST YOURSELF: What would you do? (tick your choice).

	JOIN IN	DON'T KNOW	STAY OUT
1. Your friends invite you to take part in shop lifting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Two of your friends start smoking. They offer you cigarettes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. You meet your friend around your area spraying graffiti.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Some of your friends stop going to Church.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

# ? DO YOU DARE ... TO BE DIFFERENT ?

**B** You're being drawn into something you know is wrong. You want to say no. You want to be different. What would you do? Give examples.

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# Me and my friends

**C** No man is an island. Everyone needs other people. Everyone needs and enjoys having friends. What special qualities do you look for in your friends. Rank from 1 to 8.

	Rich / money
	Good looks
	Kindness
	Sincerity / Honesty

	Having similar tastes
	Intelligence
	Good manners
	Other: _____



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A kindly turn of speech attracts new friends,  
 a courteous tongue invites many a friendly response.  
 Let your acquaintances be many,  
 but for advisers choose one out of a thousand.  
 If you want to make a friend, take him on trial,  
 and do not be in a hurry to trust him;  
 for one kind of friend is so only when it suits him  
 but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.  
 Another kind of friend will fall out with you  
 and to your dismay make your quarrel public,  
 and a third kind of friend will share your table,  
 but not stand by you in your day of trouble:  
 when you are doing well he will be your second self,  
 ordering your servants about;  
 but, if disaster befalls you, he will recoil from you  
 and keep out of your way.  
 Keep well clear of your enemies,  
 and be wary of your friends.  
 A loyal friend is a powerful defence:  
 whoever finds one has indeed found a treasure.  
 A loyal friend is something beyond price,  
 there is no measuring his worth.  
 A loyal friend is the elixir of life,  
 and those who fear the Lord will find one.  
 Whoever fears the Lord makes true friends,  
 for as a person is, so is his friend too.

SIRACH 6:5-17

