WOULD I WANT TO BE FRIENDS WITH ME?

Take a look in the mirror—literally.



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■ ave you ever wished a friend would do something a little differently? Like reach out to you more, not tease you so much, or support you in something? It's important to have good friends. But first, it might help to be a good friend.

Time for some self-reflection: Are you the kind of friend you'd want to be friends with? Do you follow Jesus Christ's example in your friendships?

Let's take a look in the mirror—literally. When you come to backwards text in this article, hold this page up to a mirror to read it.

"I urge you to choose companions well and cherish those friends who lift you and make you better in their presence. And be such friends to one another."

President Russell M. Nelson, "Reflection and Resolution" (Brigham Young University devotional, Jan. 7, 1990), 6, speeches.byu.edu.

- 1. What do your friends do that you appreciate?
- 2. What do you wish your friends would start doing?
- 3. What do you wish your friends would stop doing?
- **4.** What would your friends say they like about you?
- 5. What would your friends say you could work on to be a better friend?

Reflect: Give them back some of their own goodness. What do they do well that you want to do for them?

- Reflect: Instead of waiting on them, what can you start doing? It might just help.
 - Reflect: STOP. Before you focus on their faults, what of those things do you need to stop yourself?
- Reflect: Play to your strengths! How can you do those things more often?

Reflect: What is one thing you are going to do differently to be the best friend you can be?

Hopefully you had some fun taking a look in the mirror. Just one more question—the most important one:

How can you be more like the Savior, Jesus Christ, in your friendships?