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Unnecessary Amounts

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Having lots of friends is a preference. Some people would rather be alone and some people would rather be surrounded by others. I believe that I don't need a million friends. Having many people in your life can go a few ways; more people could mean more stability and support, but it could also mean more publicity of your private life and the fact that if you don't trust someone completely you have to constantly be watching them. I find that I would rather have a few people that I know I can always count on instead of having groups and groups of unreliable crowd.

I believe that I don't need a million friends because if I have tons of people that I consider myself incredibly close with, then I would hardly have a private life. I find that it is best to just have a few people to share my life with. I don't want the world knowing my issues, or my failures. If I tell everyone then there is no mystery to my life. Some people like having the world know what is going on in their lives, but if I tried to live like that I could never have my thoughts to myself.

A reason why I am so cautious about who I let into my life and who I choose not to associate with is because I have had bad experiences with trust. I had a friend over that I thought was someone I could definitely trust, and at the end of the day it turned out they had taken money from me. Now, after this incident, I am more careful about who I let over to my house.

Loyalty and trust are big problems these days. They aren't hard concepts; it's just the fact that people only do things to benefit themselves. Having loads of people that I really let into my private life just gives too many people the opportunity, if the time comes, to help themselves, even if it means to hurt me. Yes, sometimes I need to think of myself and put myself first, but it should never be at the expense of someone else. I'm not saying that I don't trust anybody. I'm saying that I am careful about who I trust and I make sure that it isn't just anyone.

If I attach myself to so many different people, then I wouldn't know what to do with myself if they leave. I wouldn't know how to be alone. I can't even begin to learn to enjoy my own company if I am never alone. It is great to have people to spend my time with, but never spending time by myself means that it's harder to get to know myself and decide what I want in life, not what my friends want. For instance, some people think that to be able to have fun you have to be in a group, or basically just not alone, but I think that is completely untrue. In fact, always being with people can get distracting.

Overall, I believe that I don't need tons of people in my life, just a few important ones that I can share life-changing moments with. I think that I should be polite and goodhearted to everyone,

but leave it at acquaintances unless it's someone I immediately know I could connect with. This doesn't work for everyone; some people crave attention and like to have their lives be public, but for me, I would rather just have a few close friends that know me as well as I know myself.