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## A GOOD FRIEND

**Ecclesiastes 4:8-12**

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**9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: 10 If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! 11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**



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**Proverbs 18:21-24**

**21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. 22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD. 23 A poor man pleads for mercy, but a rich man answers harshly. 24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**



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

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**We all want friends. We all need friends. God has hard-wired every one of us—young or old, male or female, introvert or extrovert—for relationship.**



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**The numerous types of friendships.**

***Faucet Friendship***

***Fake Friendship***

***Fair Weather Friends***

***Get-Over and Get-Under Friends***

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**There are four Greek words for love:**

• **Eros – Sexual, Erotic, Sensual Love**

• **Storge – Family or Natural Love**

• **Phile – Friendship or Companionship Love**

• **Agape – God's Love, A Choice, Unconditional**

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**Abraham Lincoln said: "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "The only way to have a friend is to be one." A friend is one who is a source of sunshine when you are under the weather. A friend is one who believes in you, when you cease to believe in yourself. A friend is a source of celebration when you feel that there is nothing to celebrate. A friend is one who answers your call before you call.**



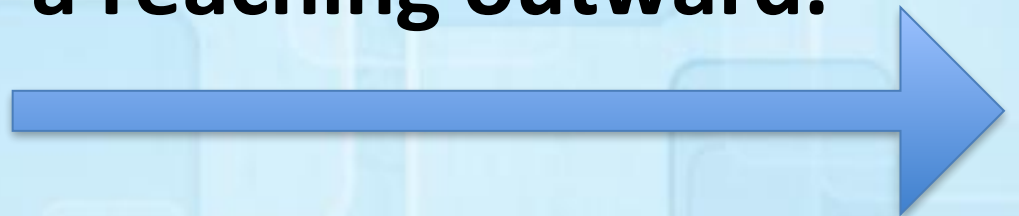
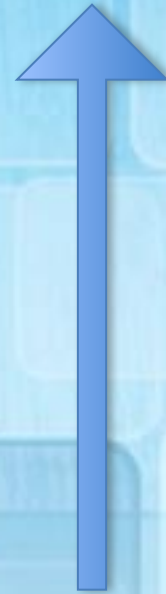
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**Friendship is of two categories.**

**First vertical or God-ward**

**Second horizontal or a reaching outward.**





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- **The Institute in Basic Youth Conflict teaches 4 levels of friendship**
- **Acquaintance – Based on occasional contacts**
- **Casual Friendship – Based on Common Interests, Activities and Concerns**
- **Close Friendship – Based on mutual life goals**
- **Intimate Friendship – Based on commitment and unconditional LOVE the development of each other's character – Freedom to correct each other without hating one another.**

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- **Jesus said in John 15:12-13**
- **12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.**





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**“Be careful who  
you befriend.”**



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**Proverbs 13:20, “Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.” In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds the people there in 1 Cor 15:33-34 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” 34 Come back to your senses as you ought and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God — I say this to your shame. NIV Also from Solomon and his book of Proverbs 27:17, he states that, “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.”**



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**“What makes a  
good friend?”**

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**Hellen Keller said; "Walking in the dark with a friend is better than walking alone in the light." A friend is God's cure for loneliness. A friendship is a rainbow between two hearts. A friend will shake your hands in success and he will wash your feet in sorrow. A friend will always show up in times of trouble. Friends are those who will nourish the spirit. A true friend will die before he allows his friend to go to hell. A true friend is one who comes to your house and makes you feel at home.**

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## A GOOD FRIEND

**A Good friend:**

- **is there for you, no matter what**
- **doesn't judge you, but wants what's best for you**
- **doesn't put you down or deliberately hurt your feelings**
- **is kind and respectful to you**
- **is someone whose company you enjoy**
- **is loyal, open, honest and real**
- **is trustworthy and willing to tell you the truth, even when it's hard for you to hear**

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## A GOOD FRIEND

- **laughs with you, not at you**
- **sticks around when things get tough**
- **makes you smile**
- **is there to listen and encourage you**
- **comforts you when you cry.**
- **A giver, not a taker**
- **A positive person**
- **Common interests**



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**If we want to have good, healthy, deep friendships with other people, the kind of people that would fit the list that we just listed, we need to be the list ourselves.**

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**“Do to others as you would like them to do to you (Matthew 7:12, Luke, 6:31).”**

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- **But there is One upon whom there are no limitations. He is not subject to those things which may prevent others from always being there for us. He is "a friend who sticks closer than a brother."**

**His name is Jesus.**

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• **There is a Friend that  
Sticketh Closer Than a  
Brother**

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**Is Jesus Your Friend Today?**

**John 15:12-14**

- 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.**
- 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.**
- 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. KJV**

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**Because He's That Kind Of Friend  
If you ever need a Friend  
That sticks closer than any brother  
I recommend Jesus, Jesus  
Because He's That Kind Of Friend**

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**He will never, He will never forsake  
you**

**Even though he knows everything  
there is to know about you**

**I recommend Jesus, Jesus**

**Because He's That Kind Of Friend**

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## A GOOD FRIEND

**He'll walk right in front of you to  
always protect you, so the devil,  
can't do you no harm**

**He is faithful every day to help you  
along the way**

**Because He's That Kind Of Friend**



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**If within your heart, you take Him in,  
new life will begin**

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