

“Five years from now you will be pretty much the same as you are today except for two things: the books you read and the people you get close to.”

—Charles Jones



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A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. —Proverbs 17:17 ESV



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“As much as we admire solo achievement, the truth is that no lone individual has done anything of value. The belief that one person can do something great is a myth... Even the Lone Ranger wasn't really a loner. Everywhere he went, he rode with Tonto!”

—John Maxwell



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Friendship is Essential



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<sup>9</sup>Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup>For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! <sup>11</sup>Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?



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<sup>12</sup>And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

—Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 ESV



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"A friend is someone who knows all about you and loves you just the same."

"A true friend will go on liking you, no matter how successful either of you becomes."

"A friend is one who strengthens you with prayer, blesses you with love and encourages you with hope."



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"A friend is someone who doesn't go on a diet when you're fat."

"A friend is someone who believes in you when you cease to believe in yourself."

"A real friend is someone who comes in when the whole world has gone out."



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Friendship is Confidential



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A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.  
—Proverbs 18:24 ESV



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A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. —Proverbs 16:28 ESV



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Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.  
—Proverbs 17:9 ESV



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## Friendship is Instrumental



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<sup>5</sup>Better is open rebuke than hidden love. <sup>6</sup>Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

—Proverbs 27:5-6 ESV



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As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. —Proverbs 27:17 ESV



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“I love you not for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you. I love you, not only for what you have made of yourself, but for what you are making of me. I love you for not closing your ears to the discord in me, but for adding to the music in me by worshipful listening.”



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“You have done it without a touch, without a word, without a sign. You have done it by just being yourself. Perhaps this is what being a friend means after all.”



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## Friendship is Influential



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Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.  
—Proverbs 27:9 ESV



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Friendship is Sacrificial



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Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. —John 15:13 ESV



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<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



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<sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.  
—Romans 5:6-10 ESV



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## Grace

God accepts us apart from anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done for us.



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## Faith

I accept God's acceptance of me through His love and His grace. I can accept me and God's grace at work in me.



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## Peace

I accept me because of God's acceptance and I have peace apart from the competition and frustration that so often drives my life motivations. I have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.



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## Love

I accept and joyfully add value to others without the need to maneuver and manipulate to get others to help me overcome the insecurities of my life. I have peace with God and with others.



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What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.



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Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.



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Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and  
shield you; you will find a  
solace there. —Joseph Scriven



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