"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

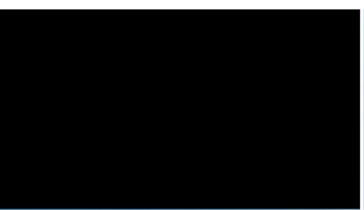


A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. —Proverbs 17:17 ESV



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Friendship is Essential



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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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⁹Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰For 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! ¹¹Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone?

¹²And 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."



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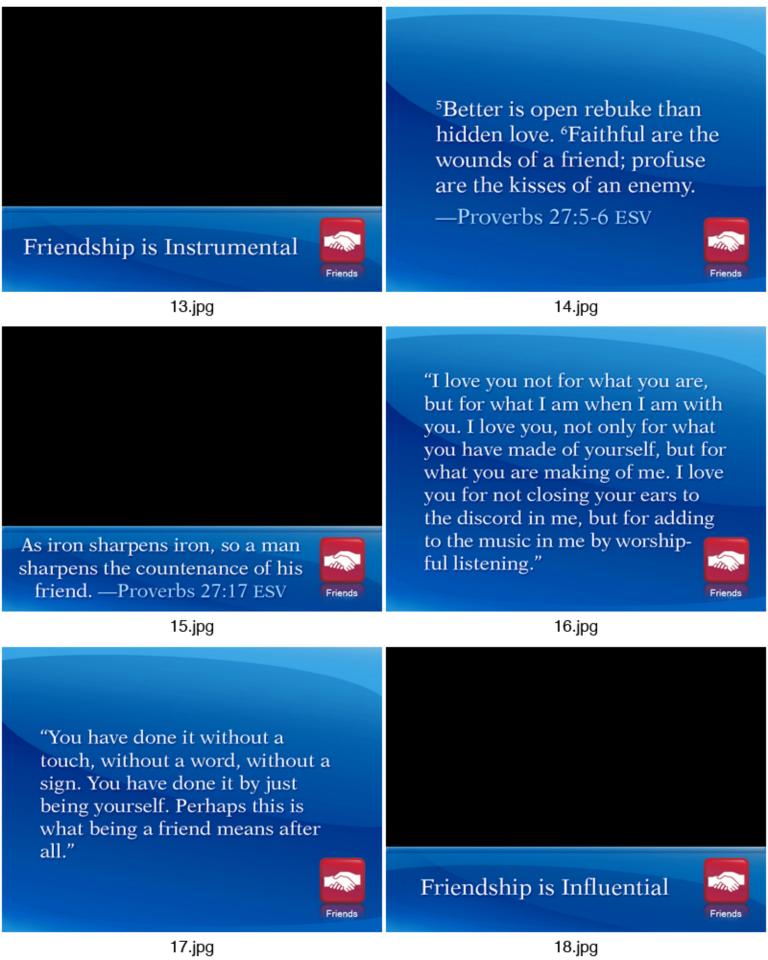
A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends. —Proverbs 16:28 ESV



Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

—Proverbs 17:9 ESV





Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend Friendship is Sacrificial comes from his earnest counsel. Friends Friends —Proverbs 27:9 ESV 19.jpg 20.jpg A friend loves at all times, and a Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for brother is born for adversity. his friends. —John 15:13 ESV —Proverbs 17:17 ESV Friends Friends 21.jpg 22.jpg ⁹Since, therefore, we have now ⁶For while we were still weak, at been justified by his blood, much the right time Christ died for the more shall we be saved by him ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die from the wrath of God. 10For if for a righteous person—though while we were enemies we were perhaps for a good person one reconciled to God by the death of would dare even to die- 8but God his Son, much more, now that we shows his love for us in that while are reconciled, shall we be we were still sinners, Christ saved by his life. died for us. -Romans 5:6-10 ESV Friends 23.jpg 24.jpg

Grace

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



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.



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.



Friends

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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.



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

