

# GENUINE CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

## INTRODUCTION:

True Christian friendship is a rarity today. We are greatly influenced by the people with whom we associate, influenced for good or bad. Solomon was greatly concerned for his son and his choice of “so-called-friends”, and he said to his son:

*“Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.” –Proverbs 19:27*

The book of Proverbs with its detached sayings, has much to say about FRIENDS of which the following are but a few:

1. 14:20 – *“The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.”*  
- May someone who is loaded move in next door, from whom we can borrow whatever we need.
2. 16:28 – *“A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.”*  
- An ungodly person splits up friendships and fellowships.
3. 17:17 – *“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”*  
- Real friends will not desert you when you are in a jam.
4. 18:24 – *“A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.”*  
- You can't have friends without being friendly.
5. 27:6 – *“Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”*  
- A real friend will correct you in love.
6. 27:17 – *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.”*  
- Real friends can sharpen our minds, whereby we profit from fellowshiping with them.

## NOTE THESE QUOTES ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

*“The only way to have a friend is to be one” - Emerson*

*“Be more prompt to go to a friend in adversity than in prosperity.” - Chilo*

*“Purchase not friends by gifts: When thou ceasest to give, such will cease to love.” - Fuller*

*“Better are the blows of a friend than the false kisses of an enemy.” - Thomas Becket*

*“False friends are like a shadow – keeping close to us while we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us the instant we cross into the shade.” - Boney*

*-True friendship is love without wings*

## GOD'S ANSWER TO THE MATTER

Receive the LORD JESUS CHRIST as SAVIOR by faith and enjoy the joy of inner cleansing. It's like taking a shower on the inside. From that point on, you will have the LORD as a FRIEND who will never leave you. Note HIS promise to the believer:

*“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” –Hebrews 13:5*

Believe it my friend. Read the quote above backwards if you will.

Frontwards or backwards God means what HE says.

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