



LET'S SPEND SOME TIME LEARNING ABOUT *FRIENDS*

WORDS TO REMEMBER *"Love each other as I have loved you."*

John 15:12

1 WHAT MAKES A TRUE FRIEND?

What do you think makes a true friend? True friendship is a very precious blessing. Let's learn what it takes to be a true friend in these passages.

Proverbs 17:17 What will a true friend always do? _____

Proverbs 27:17 What will true friends do for one another?

Proverbs 27:10 How should we **not** treat our friends?

Why are good friends so important?

■ Read Proverbs 16:28, 17:9 and 18:1. What are some things that can ruin friendships?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2 WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP?

Who are some of your best friends? Why? There are some beautiful examples of close friendships in the Bible. Who were friends in these passages?

Ruth 1:15,16 _____ & _____

1 Samuel 20:17 _____ & _____

2 Kings 2:2 _____ & _____

Do people need friends?

■ Read John 11:5. Who were three very close friends of Jesus?

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

3 ARE WE TO BE SELECTIVE IN CHOOSING OUR FRIENDS?

Can you think of anyone who was sorry for choosing a certain friend? Although it is very important to have friends, we must be careful that we do not become friends with evil. These passages warn us about that.

Deuteronomy 13:6-8 Proverbs 22:24 Proverbs 25:19 James 4:4

Is it important to have Christian friends? Why? Can we have other friends who are not Christians?

- Read Hebrews 10:24,25. What will Christian friends want to do?
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4 WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF FRIENDLESSNESS?

Have you ever been lonely? When? The Bible also gives many examples of friendlessness and loneliness. Perhaps we can learn some valuable lessons from these sad examples also. Who is the lonely person in the following passage?

Luke 16:20 _____

Luke 15:16 _____

John 5:7 _____

Job 19:19 _____

What is it like to be lonely? Why is it not healthy for us?

- Read Mark 14:18,27,30,32-36,50-52, 15:12,13; and 15:34. What is the most striking example of loneliness.
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5 WHAT IS THE BEST KIND OF FRIENDSHIP WE CAN HAVE?

Who is your BEST friend? Earthly friends serve some valuable and wonderful purposes. To the Christian however, it is so important to know that we have a true friend in Jesus. Who are called God's friends in the following passages?

Exodus 33:11 _____

James 2:23 _____

John 15:13-15 _____

How can you show true friendship to Jesus?

Be ready to answer the five questions about friends.