

## FRIENDSHIP

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Everybody wants to have friends. We all want to be liked, loved and touched. We want someone to talk to and somebody to listen. We want to know that somebody cares. We want admiration and approval. We want to be important and to know that we matter in life. All of these feelings are perfectly normal for us to have.

Having friends makes you happy. Friends help you find your place in the world. They help you increase your understanding of the human race. A true friend is priceless! They multiply our joys and divide our sorrow. Friends are essential to our happiness and well-being.

“If you hear a kind word spoken of some worthy soul you know. It may fill their heart with sunshine if you only told them so. If a deed however humble, helps you on your way to go. Find the one whose hand helped you, seek them out and tell them so.”

Friendships are to be cherished. Never take them lightly.

“It is my joy to find, at every turning of the road, the strong arm of a comrade kind, to help me onward with my load; and since I have no gold to give, tis love alone must make amends, my only prayer is while I live, God make me worthy of my friends.”

If God has blessed you with some good friends, don't take them for granted. Take the time to let them know how much you value them and are thankful that they are a part of your life.

Dallas Willard said, “God's aim in human history is the creation of an inclusive community of loving persons, with himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant.”

We all need friends. We all need to be a part of a loving community.

Someone once said, “With billions of people in the world, someone should create a system where no one is lonely.”

Someone did! That someone is God Almighty!

The Bible says that there is a friend who will be closer to you than a brother. His name is Jesus!

I'm thankful that I have a friend in Jesus. I want to be more like Him and be a better friend to others.