

HAPPY HOME THE FRIEND FACTOR

There is within the human heart
the ongoing deep, deep longing to find and be a friend.

FRIENDSHIP IS A BIG DEAL IN CHRISTIANITY

- The Bible Speaks Often Of It
The words friends, friendly, and friendship appear over 100x in the bible.
- God Lives It
- The Creation Account Declares It
"It is not good for the man to be alone."
Genesis 2:18
- Marriage Demands It
"He . . . is my lover, my friend."
Song of Songs 5:16
- The Bible Illustrates It
- Jesus Embraced It
- The Bible Elevates it
"I no longer call you servants but I call you friends."
Jesus in John 15:15

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A man who has friends must himself be friendly.
Proverbs 18:24 NKJV

FRIEND FACTS

1. Friendship is often seasonal.
2. You cannot be friends with everyone.
3. Friends are not optional. They are essential.
4. Friends must be cultivated.
5. Friends are not neutral. They impact our lives.
Be not deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals.
1 Corinthians 15:33
6. Friendships come in varying degrees:
Acquaintances - Casual Friends - Close Friends - Intimate Friends.

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FINDING AND BEING A FRIEND

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-20:42

1. CONNECT THROUGH SHARED VALUES:

The soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David,
and Jonathan loved him as himself.

1 Samuel 18:1

The more vital the value the more intimate the friendship.

2. HONOUR THAT PERSON ABOVE YOURSELF:

Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along
with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1 Samuel 18:4

You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my
father Saul knows this.

1 Samuel 23:17

3. COMMIT YOURSELF TO THE FRIENDSHIP:

Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. ⁵ He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

1 Samuel 19:4-5

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