



MESSAGE NOTES

TO BE A TRUE FRIEND

John 15:15
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1 A true friend loves, even when times are tough.

Proverbs 17:17 “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

Proverbs 19:4 “Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.”

When trouble comes, we see who our true friends are.

2 A true friend is willing to speak the truth even if we don't want to hear it.

Proverbs 27:6 “Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.”

A real friend will tell us when we are in danger or when we are about to make a poor decision.

3 A true friend is a one who gives wise and godly advise.

Proverbs 27:9 “Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.”

A true friend is there for us when we need direction or encouragement.

4 A true friend is loyal.

Proverbs 27:10 “Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you— better a neighbor nearby than a relative far away..”

Proverbs 18:24 “A man of too many friends comes to ruin, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

If there is no real trust, is there really a friendship?

5 A friend who knows our Heavenly Father can be the best influence.

John 15:15 “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

Q. How many close friends can you maintain? How many close friends did Jesus have?