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## FRIENDSHIP

(James 4:1-7)

### INTRODUCTION

We recognize degrees of friendship: fair-weather, casual, dear, old, or "He's no friend."

Friendship is difficult to define; however, we recognize or know it when we see it.

### 5 BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO "FRIENDS"

1. (Job 6:14) "To him who is afflicted, **kindness (pity) should be shown by his friends**"

Job's friends were "fair-weather," and Job knew how they were supposed to act.  
(Job 16:20) "My friends scorn me" (Job 19:14, v19, v21)

2. (Psalm 41:9) "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread,  
**has lifted up his heel against me**"

"Trusted" - belief in the integrity, ability, or genuineness of someone.  
"Who ate my bread" - friends share meals together, fellowship, are comrades.  
"Lifted his heel against me" - betrayed the trust; two-faced; double-crossed.  
Example of Judas: (Matthew 26:14-16, v20, v50)

3. (Proverbs 17:17) "A friend loves at all times"

Peter starts out OK - (Matthew 26:35)  
Then Peter proved differently - (Matthew 26:74-75)

4. (Proverbs 18:24) "A man who has friends **must show himself friendly**,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother"

"Friendly" - a kindly concern, interest, or support toward another; neighborly.  
"A friend who sticks closer than a brother" - reference to a family virtue.

5. (Proverbs 27:6) "Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful"  
(v9) " ... the sweetness of a man's friend gives **delight by hearty counsel**"

At times, we need a friend to intervene and tell us to "Shape up!"  
"Hearty counsel" - received correctly it is like ointment and perfume; delightful.  
(Galatians 4:16) "Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"

**CLOSE** - Jesus may become the dearest friend you ever had.

(John 15:13) "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"  
Jesus did that!

Will you be a friend to Jesus?

(John 15:14) "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you"