



FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE

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TOPIC: "FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE"

**TEXTS: MARK 12:30; 1 COR. 13:1-7, 13; 2:9, ROM. 13:8; 8:35;12:9
JOHN 3:16; 13:35**

"Let Love Leads"

(Wealth, Happiness and Love...)

Legends that showed others true Love: Mother Theresa, Mandela, Gandhi, and Marley's >'one Love song' etc

THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE

A. THE NEED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER...

- **A new commandment... 'to love as He has loved us' - Jn 13:34-35**
- **Love for one another... stressed again and again - Jn 15:12,17**
- **Love suffers long (patient)**
- **Love is kind**
- **It is a "blest" command & will avoid offending another with loose words & will not allow loose words offend it - 1 Cor. 13:4-5a**

B. THE BLESSINGS OF FRIENDSHIP...

Some Of The Most Wonderful Passages In The Bible About True Expressions Of Friendship & Love

- **Ruth's love for her mother-in-law, Naomi - Rut 1:16-17**
- **Jonathan's devotion to his friend, David - 1 Sam 18:1**
- **Jesus' love for His disciple, John - Jn 19:25-27**
- **Paul's love for his coworker, Timothy - 2 Tim. 1:1-4**

Good Friends Provide Wonderful Benefits

- **A true friend can be closer than blood relatives – Prov. 18:24**
- **The rebuke of a true friend is of more value than the praise of an enemy - Pro 27:6**
- **The advice of a true friend can be precious – Prov. 27:9**

- Seek to hang on to good friends – Prov. 27:10a

C. SOME BARRIERs & STRENGTHs TO TRUE FRIENDSHIP & LOVE

- Love does not envy (not jealous of others' good fortune)
- Love does not parade itself (does not brag about itself)
- Love is not puffed up (not arrogant)
- Love does not behave rudely & thinks no evil (not inconsiderate of others' feelings)
- Love does not seek its own (not so defensive)
- Love is not easily provoked
- Love does not rejoice in iniquity, but in truth
- Love bears all things (puts up with snide and unwanted remarks)
- Love believes all things (gives others the benefit of doubt)
- Love hopes all things (looks for the best in others)
- Love endures all things (including hurt feelings by unkind words)

D. CONCLUSION

Friendship is too holy to let loose words, in reckless moments destroy it...

- Especially between brethren in Christ
- Whose love is to be a mark of true discipleship - Jn 13:35

True love values friendship so highly, that it will resolve...

- To say nothing that unnecessarily endangers friendship
- To let nothing that is said, no matter how hurtful, to destroy our friendship

Love serves to remind us of the blessing and duty we have regarding our love and friendship as disciples of Christ! Have you become a disciple of Jesus Christ...? - cf. Mt 28:19-20

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