



# 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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