

## Jonathan And David – Friends

2 Samuel 1:17-27

### Definition: “Friend”

- ▣ Webster – One attached to another by affection or esteem.

### The Advantage Of Having Friends

- ▣ They will love you at all times.
  - *“A friend loveth at all times” (Proverbs 17:17).*
- ▣ They stick closer than a brother.
  - *“There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:24).*
  - *“Thine own friend, and thy father’s friend, forsake not; and go not to thy brother’s house in the day of thy calamity. Better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off” (Proverbs 27:10).*

### The Advantage Of Having Friends

- ▣ They rejoice the heart.
  - *“Oil and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man’s friend by hearty counsel” (Proverbs 27:9).*

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- ▣ They support you in times of trouble.
  - *“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; and hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth: but how can one be warm alone? And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not easily broken” (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).*

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- ▣ They sharpen the countenance.
  - *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend” (Proverbs 27:17).*

## What A Friend Will Do For You

- ▣ He will rebuke you.
  - *"Better is open rebuke than love that is hidden. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are profuse (deceitful)." (Proverbs 27:5-6).*

## What A Friend Will Do For You

- ▣ He will show pity to you.
  - *"To him that is ready to faint kindness should be showed from his friend ..."* (Job 6:14).
- ▣ He will weep / rejoice with you. (Romans 12:15; Luke 15)

## What A Friend Will Do For You

- ▣ He will lay down his life for you.
  - *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13; cf. 1 John 3:16)
  - Badge of discipleship. (John 13:34-35)

## How To Make Friends

- ▣ Money cannot buy friends.
  - *"Many will entreat the favor of the liberal man and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts"* (Proverbs 19:6).
  - *"The poor is hated even of his own neighbor; but the rich hath many friends"* (Proverbs 14:20).
  - Note the prodigal son of Luke 15.

## How To Make Friends

- ▣ Be friendly.
  - *"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly"* (KJV Proverbs 18:24)
- NOTE: To be someone's friend, you must take time to be with that person, get to know him, serve his needs, etc. If you are unwilling to devote your time to doing this, you will be without friends.

## How To Make Friends

- ▣ Be loyal.
  - *"Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not"* (Proverbs 27:10).
- ▣ Be true to your friends.
  - *"Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint"* (Proverbs 25:19).

## How To Make Friends

- Use gracious speech.  
*"He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend" (Proverbs 22:11).*  
*"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in network of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).*
- The tongue used wisely is a great blessing to others.  
 It is likened to "choice silver," Proverbs 10:20; it is "health," Proverbs 12:18; it is called "a tree of life," Proverbs 15:4; it is called "a precious jewel," Proverbs 20:15

## Things Which Destroy Friendship

- Money.
  - The Proverbs warn against being surety (pledge or guarantee) for another. (Proverbs 6:1-5; 17:18), *whether stranger or friend. (cf. Nehemiah 5:3)*

## Things Which Destroy Friendship

- Whispering and gossip.  
 A loose tongue will destroy a friendship.
  - *"He that harpeth on a matter (repeateth a matter KJV) separateth chief friends" (Proverbs 17:9).*

## Things Which Destroy Friendship

- Disloyalty.
  - During Absalom's rebellion, David lamented, *"Yea mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me" (Psalms 41:9; cf. John 13:18).*

## Jonathan And David - Close Friends

- Their souls were knit together (1 Samuel 18:1), as they spent time with one another (1 Samuel 18:2).
- They learned to love each other (1 Samuel 18:3; 20:17).

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- Jonathan preserved David from harm and intervened in his behalf to his father. (1 Samuel 19:1-3)
- Jonathan's loyalty to David caused him to stand against his father, Saul. (1 Samuel 20:1-10)
- Made a covenant with David. (1 Samuel 20:17-23)

### Jonathan And David - Close Friends

- ▣ Although Jonathan could never be king, he still loved David (1 Samuel 20:31; 23:15-18).

### Jonathan And David - Close Friends

- ▣ When Saul and Jonathan were slain in battle, David lamented the death of his friend . (2 Samuel 1:23-27)
- ▣ After Jonathan had died, David cared for his family. (2 Samuel 9).

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- ▣ "Friend" – One attached to another by affection or esteem.
- ▣ Friendship is precious, to be cherished, respected, and treasured.