

What the Bible Teaches About

FRIENDSHIP

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***The Marks of
True Friendship***

Various Scriptures

**1. Jonathan & David were alike
in their heart for God.**

The Marks of True Friendship ...

1. **Common Interests & Shared Values**
2. **Affection**
3. **Commitment**

Proverbs 17:7

“A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

Ruth 1:16-17

“And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.”

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The Marks of True Friendship ...

4. Transparency

1 John 1:7

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

James 5:16

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

The Marks of True Friendship ...

4. Transparency

5. Candor

Proverbs 27:5-6

“Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

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Galatians 6:2

**“Bear ye one another’s burdens,
and so fulfil the law of Christ.”**

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7. Trust

Proverbs 16:28

“A froward man soweth strife: and a whisperer separateth chief friends.”

Proverbs 17:9

“He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.”

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