

Friendship

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 2 Samuel 1:26

Love One Another

John 13

³⁴ A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

John 15

¹² This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15

¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15

¹⁷ These things I command you, that ye love one another.

We Are Friends with the Lord

John 15

¹⁴ Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

John 15

¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

James 2

²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

2 Chronicles 20

⁷ Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever?

Friendship

Love Because We Are Commanded

1 John 3

¹¹ For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

1 John 3

²³ And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

2 John 1

⁵ And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

Love Because We are Capable (there is no excuse not to love)

1 John 4

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John 4

⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Serve One Another

Galatians 5

¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Putting Up With One Another

Ephesians 4

² With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Forbearing – anechomai (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:
KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

Friendship

Love Because We Are Creatures of Love

Colossians 2

² That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Knit - sumbibazo (soom-bib-ad'-zo); from NT:4862 and bibazo (to force; causative [by reduplication] of the base of NT:939); to drive together, i.e. unite (in association or affection), (mentally) to infer, show, teach:

KJV - compact, assuredly gather, intrust, knit together, prove.

Walk/Live in Love

Ephesians 5

² And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Hebrews 10

²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Philippians 1

²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Love With A Pure Heart

1 Peter 1

²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

2 Corinthians 6

⁶ By pureness, by knowledge, by long suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,

unfeigned - anupokritos (an-oo-pok'-ree-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:5271; undissembled, i.e. sincere:

KJV - without dissimulation (hypocrisy), unfeigned.

Philippians 4

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

1 Peter 1

²² Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Friendship

2 Peter 3

¹ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

Love Compassionately, Humbly

1 Peter 3

⁸ Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

Pitiful – eusplagchnos (yoo'-splangk-nos); from NT:2095 and NT:4698; well compassionated, i.e. sympathetic:

KJV - pitiful, tender-hearted.

Courteous - tapeinophron (tap-i-no'-frohn); related to NT:5013; found only in 1 Peter 3:8; the Textus Receptus has philophrones (See NT:5391): humble, humble-minded.

Proverbs 6

³ Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, when thou art come into the hand of thy friend; go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.

1 John 4

¹⁹ We love him, because he first loved us.

Love is Unsurpassed, Extreme

2 Samuel 1

²⁶ I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

Love - affection

Wonderful – great, difficult

1 John 4

⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Ephesians 3

¹⁹ And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Friendship

Love Is Kind

2 Samuel 9

⁷ And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.

1 Samuel 20 ...And Does Not Forget

¹⁴ And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not:

¹⁵ But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth.

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies.

Love Speaks As God Speaks

Exodus 33

¹¹ And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

2 Peter 1

¹⁷ For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Friends are for times of Adversity

Proverbs 17

¹⁷ A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Adversity – tsarah (tsaw-raw'); feminine of OT:6862; tightness (i.e. figuratively, trouble); transitively, a female rival:

KJV - adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.

1 Timothy 6

¹⁸ That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

Hebrews 13

¹⁶ But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Job 42

¹⁰ And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Friendship

1 Kings 9

¹⁰ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

¹¹ (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

¹² And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

2 Corinthians 8

⁹ For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Love of Friendship is Responsible and Honorable

1 Samuel 18

⁵ And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

Galatians 6

¹⁰ As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

1 Timothy 5

¹⁷ Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

Romans 12

¹⁰ Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Friendship

Friendship Should Be Pleasant

Proverbs 27 (Know when to counsel)

⁹ Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel.

Sweetness - `etsah (ay-tsaw'); from OT:3289; advice; by implication, plan; also prudence: KJV - advice, advisement, counsel (l- [or]), purpose.

Counsel - `etsah (ay-tsaw'); from OT:3289; advice; by implication, plan; also prudence: KJV - advice, advisement, counsel (l- [or]), purpose.

Proverbs 27 (Know when to stay near)

¹⁰ Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not; neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: for better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Psalm 119 (toward the servant)

¹⁴⁰ Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Proverbs 22 (toward the master)

¹¹ He that loveth pureness of heart, for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

Love thyself

Leviticus 19

¹⁸ Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Matthew 19

¹⁹ Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22

³⁹ And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mark 12

³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

James 2

⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

Ephesians 5

²⁹ For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Friendship

Love as you love yourself

Galatians 5

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

1 Samuel 18

³ Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

Love of Friendship is Reciprocating

1 Kings 5

¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 Samuel 5

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.

1 Kings 9

¹⁰ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the king's house,

¹¹ (Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee.

¹² And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him; and they pleased him not.

Proverbs 19

¹⁷ He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.

Pay again - shalam (shaw-lam'); a primitive root; to be safe (in mind, body or estate); figuratively, to be (causatively, make) completed; by implication, to be friendly; by extension, to reciprocate (in various applications):

KJV - make amends, (make an) end, finish, full, give again, make good, (re-) pay (again), (make) (to) (be at) peace (-able), that is perfect, perform, (make) prosper (-ous), recompense, render, requite, make restitution, restore, reward, X surely.

Friendship

What kind of Love of Friendship

1 Corinthians 13

⁴ Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

⁵ Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

⁶ Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

⁷ Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity – agape (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:

Suffers – makrothumeo (mak-roth-oo-meh'-o); from the same as NT:3116; to be long-spirited, i.e. (objectively) forbearing or (subjectively) patient:

KJV - bear (suffer) long, be longsuffering, have (long) patience, be patient, patiently endure.

Micah 7

⁵ Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

Kind – chresteuomai (khraste-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:5543; to show oneself useful, i.e. act benevolently:

KJV - be kind.

Proverbs 22

²⁴ Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

Envies – zeloo (dzay-lo'-o) or zeleuo (dzay-loo'-o); from NT:2205; to have warmth of feeling for or against:

KJV - affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect).

Proverbs 14

²⁰ The poor is hated even of his own neighbour: but the rich hath many friends.

Vaunteth – perpereuomai (per-per-yoo'-om-ahee); middle voice from perperos (braggart; perhaps by reduplication of the base of NT:4008); to boast:

James 4

⁴ Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Puffed up – phusioo (foo-see-o'-o); from NT:5449 in the primary sense of blowing; to inflate, i.e. (figuratively) make proud (haughty):

Friendship

Proverbs 27

¹⁴ He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him.

Unseemly – aschemoneo (as-kay-mon-eh'-o); from NT:809; to be (i.e. act) unbecoming: KJV - behaveseff uncomely (unseemly).

Proverbs 18

²⁴ A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Love of Friendship (Cont)

Her own – heautou (heh-ow-too') (including all other cases); from a reflexive pronoun otherwise obsolete and the genitive case (dative case or accusative case) of NT:846; him- (her-, it-, them-, also [in conjunction with the personal pronoun of the other persons] my-, thy-, our-, yourself-) (selves), etc.:

KJV - alone, her (own, -self), (he) himself, his (own), itself, one (to) another, our (thine) own (-selves), + that she had, their (own, own selves), (of) them (-selves), they, thyself, you, your (own, own conceits, own selves, -selves).

Provoked – paroxuno (par-ox-oo'-no); from NT:3844 and a derivative of NT:3691; to sharpen alongside, i.e. (figuratively) to exasperate:

KJV - easily provoke, stir.

Job 19

¹⁹ All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me

Thinks – logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:3056; to take an inventory, i.e. estimate (literally or figuratively):

KJV - conclude, (ac-) count (of), + despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on).

NT:3056 logos (log'-os); from NT:3004; something said (including the thought); by implication a topic (subject of discourse), also reasoning (the mental faculty) or motive; by extension, a computation; specifically (with the article in John) the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ):

Psalms 41

⁹ Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Friendship

The True Test of Friendship does not depend upon
what you expect from them
what they expect from you
what the world thinks
how you feel
how others feel
how much or how little you have
how much or little others have
What you think you should have in return

Romans 13

⁸ Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Philippians 2

¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.

Here is the law...of friendship

Luke 6

³¹ And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

Friendship is not required it is desired.