

How to Be a True Friend

1 Samuel 19

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- *"A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."* **Proverbs 17:17**
- *"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."* **Proverbs 18:24**

**First, a true friend always tells you the _____.
vs. 1-3**

- True friends always tell you the _____, even if it is not what you want to hear.
- *"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* **Proverbs 27:6**

**Second, a true friend strives to be a
_____. vs. 4-7**

- Do you know why so many people can't seem to keep a friend? There are two reasons:
 - ⇒ They have a loose tongue that is quick to find fault and speak _____ of others. Proverbs 16:28, 7:9
 - ⇒ They possess a contentious _____.
Proverbs 26:20-22

- *“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.” Romans 14:19*

Third, a true friend is always there in the time of _____. vs. 8-17

- *“Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13*
- Being a true friend sometimes means _____.

Fourth, a true friend provides a spiritual _____. vs. 18-24

- It is wonderful to have a friend who will _____ for you, share God's Word with you, and give you good spiritual counsel and advice.

True friends are hard to come by, and even when you think you have found one, you really don't know for _____ until trials and trouble come your way.

But, you can always _____ a true friend to others!