

A FRIEND IS A FRIEND INDEED!

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“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother” (Proverbs 18:3).

There is nothing sweeter and more comforting than a person who will give of themselves sacrificially as a friend. Like a fragrant smell of jasmine they waft through your life permeating a wondrous aroma. Someone who will love you in spite of your faults and failures and see you through the tough times you woefully encounter. They are like wings of eagles transporting your burdened spirit and lifting you up in prayer and support as others turn away and dissolve into the shadows.

When misfortune and adversity brings suffering and sorrow into your life, you quickly discover who your true friends really are. They are like granite columns, standing by your side and supporting you when your strength has been depleted. They are the ones holding your hand after the angel of death creeps into your life. They are the ones lending an extra dollar when a drought plagues the bank account. A true friend will BE THERE when the going gets tough. Are you that kind of person? The Lord instructs– *“A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly”*.

Dear Lord, thank you for my true friends– their constant fellowship, sacrificial love and genuine concern. Please help me to return that friendship by giving of my time, talents and treasures to others. I thank you, Heavenly Father, for my greatest and most reliable friend who *“sticketh closer than a brother”* – Jesus!

In Jesus name, your son, Pastor Greg – Amen.