



What Does That Friendship Looklike ?



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John 15: 12-17

- 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you
- 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends
- 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.
- 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.
- 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.
- 17 This is my command: Love each other

Jesus Priorities for Friendship

A Friend of Jesus is :

- 1) A believer who- **Obeys His Commands**
- 2) A believer who -**Loves Sacrificially**
- 3) A believer who -**God Confides In**
- 4) A believer who is- **Fruitful in His Calling**
- 5) A believer who -**Prays**
- 6) A believer who -**Loves Others**

What Does Our Friendship With Jesus Looklike?

1. reviewing our **OBIDENCE?** (v13)
2. reviewing our **Sacrificial Love?** (v14)
3. reviewing our **Spiritual Insight?** (v15)
4. reviewing our **Fruitfulness?** (v16)
5. reviewing our **Prayerfulness?** (v16)
6. reviewing our **LOVING?** (v17)

- Our friendship with each other mirrors our friendship with God

We are Friends Of God but...

- a. We want our friendship with Jesus but have the *minimum* connection and involvement with others.
- b. We want to have *Our Needs met* and then be left alone.
- c. We want to hear that we are “*Greatly Loved*”, and to immerse ourselves in that love and enjoy it for ourselves but not to do anything with it.
- d. Words like “*Friendship*” – “*Sacrificial Love*” & “*Evangelism*” are unpopular often ignored, resisted, and at best given *Lip Service*.

- This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you.
- I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning.
- No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.
- "You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil.
- As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.
- "But remember the root command :Love one another.