

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a rectangular yellow sign. The sign has a slightly distressed, aged appearance. The text on the sign is arranged in three lines: 'FRIENDS' in a large, bold, serif font; 'of JESUS' in a smaller, bold, serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, italicized font; and 'John 15:14' in a small, italicized, serif font at the bottom. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient.

FRIENDS
of JESUS
John 15:14

3 John 14



What is a friend?

“One attached to another by esteem, respect and affection. One not hostile; one not a foe.”

(Webster)

Sometimes me think, "What is friend?"
And then me say, "Friend is someone to
share the last cookie with."

-Cookie Monster



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It "involves the idea
of loving as well as
being loved."
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Choosing Friends

Friends
*are the family we choose
for ourselves.*

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
Prov. 22:24-25

Friends Are Precious and We Need To Be Careful About Who We Pick As Friends

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1 Cor. 15:33

He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends. Prov. 17:9

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.” Prov. 27:6

What Are The Characteristics of Good Friends



Friendly

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Rom. 12:15-16

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Prov. 18:24

"Sour godliness is the devil's religion"
(John Wesley)

Helpful In Adversity

"In prosperity, our friends know us. In
adversity, we know our friends"
- G.K. Chesterton

What doth it profit, my brethren,
though a man say he hath faith, and
have not works? can faith save him? If
a brother or sister be naked, and
destitute of daily food, And one of
you say unto them, Depart in peace,
be ye warmed and filled;
notwithstanding ye give them not
those things which are needful to the
body; what doth it profit? Jas. 2:14-
16

Humble



Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud. Prov. 16:18-19

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Phil. 2:3

Unselfish



Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Phil. 2:4

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matt. 20:28

Tolerant



Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col. 3:13

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Mt. 7:1-3

Sincere

The sincere
friends of this
world are as ship
lights in the
stormiest of nights.

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Let love be without
dissimulation. Abhor that
which is evil; cleave to that
which is good. Rom. 12:9

That ye may approve things
that are excellent; that ye may
be sincere and without offence
till the day of Christ; Phil. 1:10

Stable & Loyal - Not A *"fair weather friend"*

True Friends
are the ones who
have nice things
to say about you
behind your back...

...and there is a friend that
sticketh closer than a brother.
Prov. 18:24b

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

True Friendship Is Found In Christ

You have a friend request.



Jesus Christ (Son of God)
wants to be your friend.

You may have friends in common.

Confirm?

I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in... - Rev. 3:20

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.
John 15:13-14