



6 Marks of a True Friend

1. I must be _____.

Proverbs 18:24--A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24(GN)--Some friendships do not last, but some friends are more loyal than brothers.

2. I must be _____.

Proverbs 19:22(NIV)--What a man desires is unending love...
(LB)--Kindness makes a man attractive.

Proverbs 17:9(LB)--Love forgets mistakes. Nagging about them parts the best of friends.

3. I must be _____.

Proverbs 11:13--A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.

4. I must be _____.

Proverbs 27:5-6--Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted.

Proverbs 24:26(GN)--An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship.

5. I must be _____.

Proverbs 27:17(Knox)--As iron sharpens iron, friend shapes friend.

6. I must be _____.

Proverbs 17:17--A friend loves at ALL times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Romans 5:11(LB)

Now we can rejoice in our wonderful relationships with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins—making us friends with God!

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. What is a true friend? Describe someone who has demonstrated true friendship to you and what characteristics of their friendship meant the most to you.
2. Review the points and verses from this lesson. What personal application can you make from this teaching?
3. How can you be a better friend? What are some steps you want to take to strengthen your friendships?
4. Take some time right now to pray for the needs of those in your small group.