

Do you undervalue the importance of a friend? John 15:15

"Rare as is true love, true friendship is rarer." *La Fontaine*

"What a friend we have in Jesus!" *Joseph Scriven*

Four Ways to Make a Friend or Deepen a Friendship

1. O YOURSELF to get close to her.

**The Intimacy Principle* Prov 27:9,19 1 Sam 18:3

"The only way to have a friend is to be one." *Emerson*

"One of my regrets lies in having neglected old friendships that could now warm my life had I only given them the attention they deserved."

Haddon Robinson

2. A YOURSELF, "what would benefit him?"

**The Generosity Principle* Prov 25:17,20 26:18-19 27:14
1 Sam 18:4 John 15:13

"The friend says: What's mine is yours."

"Friendships are like joint bank accounts that require both parties to make deposits in order for the investment to grow." *John Fischer*

3. EX YOURSELF to tell her the truth.

**The Honesty Principle* Prov 27:5-6 28:23 29:5

"A good friend is one who loves you where you are,
but doesn't want you to stay there." *JB*

"A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down."

Arnold Glasow

4. R YOURSELF to stay with him when all others leave.

**The Loyalty Principle* Prov 17:17 18:24 19:22 27:10
1 Samuel 19:1-7 20:1-42

"A true friend steps in when the rest of the world steps out."

"You can always tell a real friend: When you make a fool of yourself,
he doesn't feel you've done a permanent job." *Laurence Peter*