

“WHAT I NEED IS FRIENDSHIP”

Text: *1 Samuel 20*

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A Friendly Quiz About Friends

1. When things go sour and you really feel lousy, do you have a friend you can tell? _____ Yes _____ No
2. Do you have a friend you can express any honest thought to without fear of appearing foolish? _____ Yes _____ No
3. Do you have a friend who will let you talk through a problem without giving you advice? One who will just be a “sounding board?” _____ Yes _____ No
4. Will your friend risk your disapproval to suggest you may be getting off track in your priorities? _____ Yes _____ No
5. Do you have a friend who will take the risk to tell you that you are making bad decisions or using poor judgement?
_____ Yes _____ No
6. If you had a failure, do you know that your friend would stand with you? _____ Yes _____ No
7. Is there a friend with whom you feel you are facing life together? A friend to talk over the struggles of life which are unique to you?
_____ Yes _____ No
8. Do you have a friend you believe you can trust, that if you share confidential thoughts they will stay confidential?
_____ Yes _____ No
9. When you are vulnerable and transparent with your friend, are you convinced that person will not think less of you?
_____ Yes _____ No
10. Do you meet with a friend weekly or bi-weekly for fellowship and prayer, and possibly accountability? _____ Yes _____ No

* If you are unable to answer most of these questions “Yes” then perhaps you’re like millions of Americans who consider this to be one of their greatest needs.

FOUR FEATURES OF A FRIENDSHIP

1. _____ (vs 1 - 4).

2. _____ (vs 5 - 23).

Key Verses - 17 & 23

Jonathan's focus was on _____ a friend.

Often our focus is on _____ friends.

3. _____ (vs 24 - 33).

4. _____ (vs 34 - 42).

The A B C's of Relationships:

A. _____ = I know who they are.

B. _____ = I know what they are all about.

C. _____ = I know why they are and where they are.

HOW TO ENTER THE "C" LEVEL OF RELATIONSHIPS

1. Be _____

2. Be _____

3. Be _____

Every person has an invisible sign around their neck saying ...
"Make Me Feel Important"

4. Be _____

5. Be _____

6. Be _____

"Five years from now you will be pretty much the same as you are today except for two things: the books you read and the people you get close to." (*Charles Jones*)

7. Be _____

8. Be _____

"There is a tremendous relief in knowing that His love to me is utterly realistic; based at every point on prior knowledge of the worst about me, so that no discovery now can disillusion Him about me, in the way I am so often disillusioned about myself, and quench His determination to bless me. There is, certainly, great cause for humility in the thought that He sees all the twisted things about me that my fellow men do not see ... and He sees more corruption in me than that which I see in myself ... He wants me as His friend, and desires to be my friend, and has given His Son to die for me in order to realize this purpose."

J. I. Packer

"Knowing God"