



Main point : Make friends with True Friends.

- 1 - True friendships do not mean relationships won't be hard
- 2 - True friends can let you down
- 3 - True friends who persevere in faith can still fail you
- 4 - You can treasure Christ and true friends
- 5 - Jesus is the only perfect true friend

#1 :

“Here is a man who did not let his authority, or his being at the top, choke off the affections that he felt for (his) friends...Friends were precious to Paul. This was not politics. This was personal affection and love. The kind of love that two thousand years later draws out the same in us – for him.”

John Piper

[Why I love the Apostle Paul : 30 Reasons](#)

#2 :

[1 John 2:15-16](#)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.

#3 :

“Young (and old) culture-embracing Christians need to ponder this a long time. There is a love for the world – the present age, the God-ignoring, God-denying, God-demeaning, Christ- distorting products of culture – that is mutually exclusive with real, deep love for Jesus. There is a love for this world that is irreconcilable with the ministry of exposing the world and witnessing to the world and rescuing from the world, and, if possible, changing the world. So, young Timothy...remember, more people leave Christ and leave the church and leave ministry and leave the hope of heaven because of love for this world than anything else.”

John Piper

#4 :

James 4:4

...Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

#5 :

“Christ always intended your friendship with him would be the heartbeat of your friendship with others. His presence would be the central joy of Christian fellowship. And the joy of Christ-centered friendship would magnify the worth of Christ as the common treasure.”

John Piper

#6 :

“If we expect anyone other than Christ, whether a spouse or a friend, to be our savior, who can meet our greatest needs and satisfy our deepest longings, we are bound to be dissatisfied. By looking to that relationship to bear that much weight, we will spoil it, or even break it altogether. Our neediness, and the demands that flow from it, will choke our friends, rather than allowing them to flourish. This is the attitude that breeds the diseases that undermine friendship...Relationships like that are selfish and restricting. They are always on edge with no real security. This is the opposite of the self-giving, life-enriching friendships that the Bible portrays.”

Vaughn Roberts

True Friendship: Walking Shoulder to Shoulder