



Proverbs 18:24 NLT

Key Scripture

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Jesus Introduces A Real Friend

John 14:15-17 NLT

15 "If you love me, obey my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate, who will never leave you.** 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

Advocate: One who pleads for another, defends, vindicates, a real friend.

Levels of Friendship

✓ **Acquaintance:** Known through someone else, superficial.

Matthew 7:21-23 NLT

22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.'

23 But I will reply, **'I never knew you.** Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

✓ **Casual Friends:** People you may know on a first name basis.

Psalms 9:10 NKJV

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You;
For You, **Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

✓ **Close Friends:** Mutual agreement on the issues of life.

Galatians 5:24-25 NIV

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, **let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

✓ **Intimate Friends:** Share your heart, invested in one another.

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You've Got A Friend In Me

Advocate

Take Your Friendship To The Next Level!

2 Corinthians 13:14 Message

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

1. **Share** your heart with Him.

Psalms 139:23-24 NASU

23 Search me, O God, and **know my heart;** Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.

John 16:8-9 Message

8 "When He comes, **He'll expose the error of the godless world's view of sin,** righteousness, and judgment:

9 He'll show them that their refusal to believe in Me is their basic sin;

2. Ask Him to **change** your heart.

Psalms 51:10-12 NIV

10 **Create in me a pure heart,** O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

John 14:15 NLT

15 If you love Me, obey My commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Advocate, who will never leave you.**

3. Ask Him to **fill** your heart.

Ephesians 5:18-19 NLT

18 Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.

Instead, **be filled with the Holy Spirit,** 19 singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves and **making music to the Lord in your hearts.**

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