



## Outer Growth - Friendship

**A man [that hath] friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend [that] sticketh closer than a brother.**

Proverbs 18:24

**Faithful**-----Ecclesiastes 4:12

**Rebuke**----- Ecclesiastes 7:5

**Important**-----1 Corinthians 15:33

**Encounter**----- Ecclesiastes 4:9

**Name**-----Proverbs 13:20

**Discipline**-----Proverbs 22:24-26

**Strengthen**-----1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Help**-----Ecclesiastes 4:10

**Impression**-----Proverbs 27:17

**Protection**-----John 15:13

Friendship is about being friends that surpasses the meet and greet encounter. A Friend involves several requirements. First, the person must be reliable to be a friend. Anyone could declare to others that he or she is my friend. However, when the crowd is not around, and the party is over, and you need advice, will that friend respond? Will they be there to help you?

Second, a friend is a person that will tell the truth or give advice if they sense that something is wrong. A friend is someone that will aid in life decisions if you are unable to decide. At times two heads are better than one when it comes to situations that may be life-changing.

Thirdly, a friend is a person that will influence your social life. They will help navigate through people that you may encounter. A friend can assess if a person will help you or hurt in your life.

Fourth, a friend can help keep a person grounded and not let temptation lead to trouble. A friend is helpful at times when there are bad days and even on good days as well.

Fifth, a friend is a person that helps mold the character. Our attitude and conduct could have an impact on our friends and vice versa. A friend is there to protect us emotionally, socially, and at times during a misunderstanding.

Finally, a friend can be closer than family because our family knows us, but a friend grows with us.