

The Basics of Friendship



My number one goal in life is...

*“Let love be your **greatest aim.**”*

1 Cor. 14:1 (LB)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength... love your neighbor as yourself. There are no commands more important than these.” Mark 12:30-31 (NCV)

*“**Everything** you do must be done with love.”*

1 Cor. 16:14 (NLT)

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WE LOVE BECAUSE GOD HAS LOVED US

“Love comes from God...for God is love.”

1 John 4:7-8 (NLT)

“ We love because God first loved us.”

1 John 4:19 (NIV)

“We know and rely on the love God has for us.”

1 John 4:16a (NIV)

LOVE IS A CHOICE AND A
COMMITMENT

*“Choose to love the Lord
your God... and commit
yourself to him...”*

Deut. 30:20 (NLT)

LOVE IS AN ACTION NOT JUST AN EMOTION

“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.” 1 John 3:18 (NIV)

“You have left your first love.”

“**Remember** what it was like at first, **repent** and **do the things you did at the start.**”

LOVE IS A SKILL

“Dear friends, let us practice loving each other, for love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know him better.” 1 John 4:7 (LB)

“Practice these things and devote yourself to them, in order that your progress may be seen by all.”
1 Tim. 4:15 (TEV)

LOVE IS A Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.”

Gal. 5:22-23

LOVE IS HABIT

“Continue to love each other with true Christian love.” Heb 13:1 (NLT)

“If you only love those who love you, what credit is that to you?” Luke 6:32 (NIV)

“Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don’t drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.”

2 Cor. 13:5 (Mes)

FRIENDSHIP Pre-Test

Parents

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Marriage Prospects (If you'd like to marry)

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Spouse

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Relative _____

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Coworkers _____

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Neighbors _____

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Different/Difficult _____

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great

Children _____

1---3---5---7---9

Poor Great