**Friendship - Ponderings**

**A friend loves at all times, and kinfolk are born to share adversity.**

***(Proverbs 17:17)***

**Some friends play at friendship**

**but a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin.**

***(Proverbs 18:24)***

**For I long to see you,**

**that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift,**

**to the end ye may be established;**

**That is, that I may be comforted together with you**

**by the mutual faith both of you and me. *(Romans 1:11-12)***

**Friendship renders prosperity more brilliant, while it lightens adversity by sharing it and making its burden common. *(Cicero)***

**Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary does tact and courtesy become. Except in cases of necessity, which are rare, leave your friend to learn unpleasant things from his enemies; they are ready enough to tell them. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

**Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The best thing you can do behind a friend’s back is to pat it. *(Submitted to Guideposts by Ruth Poindexter)***

**My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me. *(Henry Ford)***

**A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend, one human soul whom we can trust utterly, who knows the best and worse of us, and who loves us in spite of all our faults. *(Charles Kingsley)***

**It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who’ll get me a book I ain’t read. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, “What! You too? I thought I was the only one.” *(C. S. Lewis)***

**After a breakup of two people you’re very fond of, how do you keep them both as friends? Write letters to both of them, call both of them, have dinner with both of them. Nonetheless, you will inevitably end up being friends with only one of them. *(Nora Ephron)***

**Value friends who, for you, find time on their calendars -- but cherish friends who, for you, do not even consult their calendars. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**We cherish our friends not for their ability to amuse us, but for ours to amuse them. *(Evelyn Waugh)*God gives us relatives: thank God, we can choose our friends. *(Addison Mizner, architect)***

**Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes. *(Associated Press)***

Friendship is a common belief in the same fallacies, mountebanks and hobgoblins. *(H. L. Mencken)*

**I want friends, but I have no objection if they begin as customers. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The friend who holds your hand and says the wrong thing is made of dearer stuff than the one who stays away. *(Barbara Kingsolver)***

**When a man takes to his bed, nearly all his friends have a secret desire to see him die; some to prove that his health is inferior to their own, others in the disinterested hope of being able to study a death agony. *(Charles Baudelaire)***

**May God defend me from my friends: I can defend myself from my enemies. *(Voltaire)***

**Live so that your friends can defend you but never have to. *(Arnold H. Glasow, in Forbes)***

**The best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**The most beautiful discovery true friends make is that they can grow separately without growing apart. *(Elizabeth Foley)***

**If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if there is anything you can do. Think up something appropriate and do it. *(Edgar Watson Howe)***

**We are all made up of many worlds and each friendship brings one or more of those worlds to life. *(Thomas Moore, in Soul Mates)***

**Although the inner journey is a solo one, through encouragement, motivation, inspiration, and prayer, the support of caring friends can make it easier for you to achieve your transformation. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 30)*Nothing is guaranteed to end a friendship faster than lending money. *(Nancy Reagan)***

**We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**All my friends and associates are exceptional people -- how else could they cope with someone like me? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A false friend and a shadow stay around only while the sun shines. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**False friendship, like the ivy, decays and ruins the walls it embraces. *(Richard Burton, explorer)***

**Friends are family you choose for yourself. *(Jane Adams, in New York Times)***

**Cars and bicycles are forced to tolerate each other, but there can never be any real friendship. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Nothing so fortifies a friendship as a belief on the part of one friend that he is superior to the other. *(Honore de Balzac)***

**A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship. *(John D. Rockefeller)***

**A best friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have. *(Catholic Digest)***

**Friendships are fragile things, and require as much care in handling as any other fragile and precious thing. *(Randolph S. Bourne)***

**Friendship is a pretty full-time occupation. *(Truman Capote)***

**A friend is a gift you give yourself. *(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

**The greatest gift of life is friendship and I have received it. *(Hubert H. Humphrey, American vice president)***

**Think where man’s glory most begins and ends, and say my glory was I had such friends. *(W. B. Yeats)***

**When God has comforted me, it has occasionally been through an idea or a prayer, but it has more often been through the touch and care of a friend. *(Gary Smith, S.J.)***

**Friends are God’s way of taking care of us. *(Journey-to-self.com web***

***site)***

**Hot words make a real cool friendship. *(Flo Ashworth, in Dawsonville, Ga., Advertiser & News)***

**Some of my friendships are insecure – but it’s very hard to buy friendship insurance. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Good friendships and relationships inspire you to be a little better than you are. *(Helen Cain Sheppard)***

**Friend: One who knows all about you and loves you just the same. *(Elbert Hubbard, American author)***

**Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is by far the best ending for one. *(Oscar Wilde)*
We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our own worst enemies. *(Roderick Thorpe)***

**Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints on your heart. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)***

**Friendship is a very taxing and arduous form of leisure activity. *(Mortimer Adler)***

**One friend in a lifetime is much; two are many; three are hardly possible. *(Henry Brooks Adams, American historian and author)***

**Friends are lights in winter; the older the friend, the brighter the light. *(Roger Rosenblatt, in Time)***

**Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. *(Oprah Winfrey)*
Ours has been a long friendship, and worth every hug of it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you want long friendships, develop a short memory. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Love demands infinitely less than friendship. *(George Jean Nathan, American author and critic)***

**Don’t make friends who are comfortable to be with. Make friends who will force you to lever yourself up. *(Thomas J. Watson, Sr.)***

**You can make more friends in two months by becoming really interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you. Which is just another way of saying that the way to make a friend is to be one. *(Dale Carnegie)***

**A friend is someone who will make us do what we can when we are saying we can't. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**A friend is someone who may not understand you, but who doesn't require an explanation. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The best mirror is an old friend. *(George Herbert, English poet)***

**The most I can do for my friend is simply be his friend. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**Your friend is your needs answered. He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanksgiving. *(Kahlil Gibran)***

**The nicest thing about new friends is that they haven't heard all your old stories yet. *(Wanda G. Cunningham, in Good Housekeeping)*
You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be. *(Johann Lavater, poet)***

**Be civil to all; sociable to many; familiar with few; friends to one; enemy to none. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**Having only friends would be dull anyway – like eating eggs without salt. *(Hedda Hopper, American gossip columnist)***

**A friend in power is a friend lost. *(Henry Adams)***

# We cannot tell the precise moment when friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel drop by drop, there is at last a drop which makes it run over. So in a series of kindnesses there is, at last, one which makes the heart run over. *(James Boswell)*

**If you have no enemies, you are apt to be in the same predicament in regard to friends. *(Elbert Hubbard)***

**A friend is a present you give yourself. *(The Friday Letter)***

**Quarrel with a friend – and you are both wrong. *(Lao-Tzu, Chinese philosopher)***

**A real friend never gets in your way – unless you happen to be on the way down. *(Wayne Dyer)***

**Real friends are those who, when you feel you’ve made a fool of yourself, don’t feel you’ve done a permanent job. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Real friendship is exchanging secrets, rolling over like a puppy and exposing the soft underbelly. You tell your friend the truth, and you feel the friendship growing – like a bank account – with each upfront opinion you give, with each honest answer you hear. *(Adair Lara, in Cosmopolitan)***

**A friend is someone with whom I can reveal many parts of me, even those I am meeting for the first time. *(Jennifer Leigh Youngs)***

**The richer your friends, the more they will cost you. *(Elisabeth Marbury, writer)***

**Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort, of feeling safe with a person -- having neither to weigh thoughts, nor measure words, but pouring them all right out -- just as they are -- chaff and grain together -- certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them. Keep those that are worth keeping and, with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away! *(Dinah Craik, in Friendship)***

**Could we see when and where we are to meet again, we would be more tender when we bid our friends good-by. *(Ouida)***

**A friend is one who sees through you and still enjoys the view. *(Wilma Askinas, in A Splice of Life)***

**The proper office of a friend is to side with you when you are in the wrong. Nearly anybody will side with you when you are in the right. *(Mark Twain)*
Silences make the real conversations between friends. Not the saying but the never needing to say is what counts. *(Margaret Lee Runbeck)***

**Half the pleasure of solitude comes having with us some friend to whom we can say how sweet solitude is. *(William Jay)***

**A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you today just the way you are. *(Unity in the Rockies newsletter)***

**Some of the most rewarding and beautiful moments of a friendship happen in the unforeseen open spaces between planned activities. It is important that you allow these spaces to exist. *(Christine Leefeldt & Ernest Callenbach)***

**When a friend speaks to me, whatever he says is interesting. *(Jean Renoir, French movie director)***

**Inside every stranger, a friend may be hiding. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Your friends will stretch your vision or choke your dream. *(John Maxwell)***

**Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little. *(Gore Vidal)***

**I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me, and I didn’t have the heart to let him down. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**The surest way to lose a friend is to tell him something for his own good. *(Sid Ascher)***

**Think twice before you speak to a friend in need. *(Ambrose Bierce)***

**Among the richest treasures our God in Heaven sends, none could ever measure the value of our Friends. *(Ken Brown)***

**The true friend is the one that’s coming in the door while everyone else is going out. *(Dr. Phil McGraw, in Good Housekeeping)***

**A true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your successes. *(Doug Larson)***

**A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**True friends stab you in the front. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**To have a true friendship, you have to do more than exchange Christmas cards or call each other once a year. There has to be some continued support and attention; otherwise the relationship is a sentimental attachment rather than a true friendship. (Dolores Kreisman)**

**A friend who is very near and dear may in time become as useless as a relative. *(George Ade)***

**When one is trying to do something beyond his known powers it is useless to seek the approval of friends. Friends are at their best in moments of defeat. *(Henry Miller)***

**I value your friendship – even if it’s not always accompanied by your approval. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you would win a man to your cause, first convince him you are his sincere friend. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**The nice thing about being your own best friend is that you’re always around when you need you! *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

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