

Spiritual
FRIENDSHIP

JOHN 15:9-17

(a) THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

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13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

(a) **THE IMPORTANCE OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP**

SPIRITUAL FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS WHO ARE FRIENDS WITH EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMON FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST AND WHO ARE COMMITTED TO HELPING EACH OTHER FOLLOW CHRIST.



THE EXPRESSION OF SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

- 1. LOYAL**
- 2. ACCEPTING**
- 3. SACRIFICIAL LOVE**
- 4. FULL DISCLOSURE**

(c)

THE FRUITS OF CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP

- 1. REMAINING IN CHRIST**
- 2. BEARING FRUIT THAT LASTS**
- 3. WITHSTAND SPIRITUAL ATTACK**

(d)

THE PLATFORMS FOR SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

- 1. SOCIAL GROUPS**
- 2. SMALL GROUPS**
- 3. MICRO GROUPS (E.G. 3-2-1)**

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