



Friendship: Love that Lasts a Lifetime

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Proverbs 17:17; I Cor. 13:4-7

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- “A friend is one who helps in time of need, listens when we need to talk, rejoices when we are honored, and is sad when we are discouraged.”



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- God says, “*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*”
(Prov.17:17)

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- Define: “having the quality or the character not to retaliate when wronged.”

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- The word “kind” literally means “active benevolence.”

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- Love does not delight in evil.

IV. Love rejoices in truth



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“(*Your name*) is patient, (*Your name*) is kind and is not jealous; (*Your name*) does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (*Your name*) never fails;”