

friends

if there is one ingredient in which adds warmth and love to our lives ... it is friendship. if there is one relationship to help us through all the others ... it is friendship.

friends surround us with the beauty of their caring. with friends we can share what we see, what we feel and what we love. friends help us with our problems because they listen. as they listen we begin to hear the language of our own hearts.

with friends we can walk along the remembered paths of our lives and completely share our experiences. with friends we can work the soil of forgotten dreams that needed to be tended and nurtured once again.

with friends we can plant the seed of our hearts new dreams. we can always return to a friend like going back to a special place ... and find the same warm feeling unchanged by time or distance.

life gives us friends so we can share the precious times and memorable moments of being children, and teenagers, and adults, and parents, and grandparents. life gives us friends so we can share the growing up ... and growing down and old.

with friends we have a place to go to be accepted and understood. together we can laugh. together we can cry.

our thoughts are heard, our feelings are held in the heart of a friend. with friends our lives are made

more full, more rich, more open, beautiful and blessed.
there are even friends we may have never met - long
distant ones.

some are held closely and others within a reaching
distant, but each should be treasured for what they
bring into your life. we should even choose to even
appreciate those "troublesome" friends.

perhaps we are there to minister to them and just maybe
they serve to teach us something. maybe patience? and
perhaps they are there just so the glory of God may be
manifested in some way; and that's good enough for me.

remember always the wisdom of solomon. "a man who has
friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend
who sticks closer than a brother." prov 18:24 we all
know that friend is Jesus. "for He Himself has said,
"I will never leave you nor forsake you." heb 13:5

be a friend. have a friend. know a friend. know
Jesus!