

CULTIVATING MY FRIENDSHIPS
SUMMER WISE – SUMMER NOT – Part 5

HOW TO BE A REAL FRIEND

1. I MUST BE COMMITTED.

Proverbs 18:24 There are “friends” who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

2. I MUST BE CONSIDERATE.

Proverbs 19:22 Loyalty makes a person attractive.

Proverbs 17:9 (CEV) You will keep your friends if you forgive them, but you will lose your friends if you keep talking about what they did wrong.

3. I MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL.

Proverbs 11:13 (CEV) A gossip tells everything, but a true friend will keep a secret.

4. I MUST BE CANDID.

Proverbs 27:5-6 (NIV) Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6Wounds from a friend can be trusted.

Proverbs 24:26 (CEV) Giving an honest answer is a sign of true friendship.

5. I MUST BE CONSTRUCTIVE.

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

6. I MUST BE CONSISTENT.

Proverbs 17:17 (NIV) A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 17:7 A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

Romans 5:11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.