

“You’ve Got A Friend”

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Proverbs 17:17; 18:24

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Introduction:

- A. There are few things more important in life than _____.
- B. Poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once described friendship as “a sheltering _____.”

I. The Story—David’s Friends (2 Samuel 15-19)

- A. The first friend to show himself is _____ the Gittite.
- B. The next couple of friends who step forward are _____ and _____.
- C. The third friend who shelters David is _____ the Arkite.
- D. The fourth groups of friends who sheltered David are _____, _____, and _____.
- E. The last friend we want to mention is _____.

II. The Application—The Truth about True Friends

- A. Friends are not _____; they’re _____.
- B. Friendship comes in various _____.
 - 1. Four levels of friendship:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____ friendship
 - c. _____ friendship
 - d. _____ friendship
- C. Friendship is not _____; it must be _____.
- D. The most important friendship that all of us should be cultivating is one with _____.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. good, friends. B. tree. I.A. Ittai, Gittite. I.B. Zadok, Abiathar. I.C. Hushai. I.D. Shobi, Machir, Barzillai. I.E. Joab. II.A. optional, essential. II.B. degrees. B.1.a. acquaintances. B.1.b. casual. B.1.c. close. B.1.d. intimate. II.C. automatic, cultivated. II.D. Jesus, Christ.