

A Good Friend

“A friend loves at all times” (Proverbs 17:17). This Bible verse identifies the truest quality that a good friend should have. A friend should also be someone that is loyal, honest, and has the ability to accept.

First of all, a good friend is loyal. Loyalty should come automatically. This characteristic alone fulfills a person's need for that special friendship. Being loyal means that someone supports you wholeheartedly and does not fishtail when being tested by others. Loyalty is to always be there for that particular person during the good and the bad. There is no room for jealousy or hatefulness in a close friendship.

Second of all, a good friend is accepting. Just like loyalty, acceptance is longed for by close friends. Friends shouldn't judge each other, they should build each other up. Even when two people have different views on a matter, they should accept each other's choices and beliefs if they are truly a friend. Acceptance between friends should be a mutual understanding and not be one sided. Arguments may happen, but it's how they are handled is what's most important.

Finally, a good friend is honest. Believe it or not, this particular quality can help guide individuals into making correct life choices later in life. No matter the consequences, all friends should answer each other truthfully no matter the outcome. A close friend should never have to wonder about being lied too or misled. True friends should know without a doubt that they are not being told any lies or being deceived in any way within their friendship.

In conclusion, certain qualities a good friend should have are loyalty, the ability to accept, and honesty. Sometimes these things are hard to find. My mom says, “Throughout life you will have many friends, but only a few will be a real true friend.” So, when you find that certain close friend, remember to always be a good friend right back.