# SIMPLE FRIENDS

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The journey will be <u>BETTER</u> if we do it <u>TOGETHER</u>.

## 4 Ways to Be a Good Friend.

## 1. Be AVAILABLE.

### **Proverbs 18**

<sup>24</sup> A man who has friends must himself be friendly.

### **Proverbs 17**

<sup>17a</sup> A friend loves at all times.

Part of being a good friend is MAKING TIME for your friends.

## 2. Be HELPFUL.

## Galatians 6

<sup>2a</sup> Share each other's burdens.

## 1 Thessalonians 5

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.

### Luke 6

<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

If you don't know <u>HOW</u> to help don't be afraid to <u>ASK</u>.

## 3. Be HONEST.

### **Proverbs 27**

<sup>17</sup> Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

## **Proverbs 27**

<sup>5</sup> An open rebuke is better than hidden love! <sup>6</sup> Wounds from a friend are better than many kisses from an enemy. <sup>9</sup> The heartfelt counsel of a friend is as sweet as perfume and incense

Honesty is saying the right <u>THING</u> at the right <u>TIME</u> with the right <u>TONE</u>.

## 4. Be FAITHFUL.

### **Proverbs 27**

<sup>10a</sup> Never abandon a friend.

## **Proverbs 20**

6 Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful man who can find?

#### 1 Peter 4

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

A true friend will STAY when others WALK AWAY.

## **Group Discussion.**

Q: Which 1 of these 4 things do you need to work on?

AVAILABLE - HELPFUL - HONEST - FAITHFUL

**Q**: Do you need help from a friend? Who can you ask?

Q: What's ONE way you can BE a better friend this week?