

## How Close A Friend Are You To Jesus?

A lot of people consider themselves friends of Jesus. A friend is usually thought of someone who knows someone else and has some kind of mutual bond. What does a true friend of Jesus do? There are several characteristics that will help us.

First, a true friend keeps His commandments (Luke 17:10; John 15:13-14; 14:15; 1 John 5:3). There is no way to be a friend of Jesus if you sin!

Second, a true friend is not ashamed of Him (Mark 8:38; Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:8, 12). It is disappointing to see many of the profiles of my friends on Facebook who are afraid to say that they are Christians, or someone who is afraid to stand up for the gospel of Christ at work when He is being ridiculed and maligned.

Third, a true friend will tell others about Him (John 1:40-47; Acts 8:4; 2 Timothy 2:2). This touches on our previous point about not being ashamed of Christ. If He has meant so much to you, then you should want to tell others about Him. Fourth, a true friend will rejoice in spiritual values (Psalm 122:1; Acts 2:42; Galatians 2:20). You cannot be a friend of Jesus if you cannot even be bothered to attend worship that is supposed to glorify Him. Fifth, a true friend will look forward to being with Him (Colossians 3:3-4; Titus 2:11-14; 1 John 3:2). People who want to go to heaven will keep themselves pure.

The way some friends act, Christ needs no enemies! Would you like to learn how to be a true friend of Christ? Please contact us if you would like to study further.

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