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Proverbs 18:24, “**A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly:...**”

We all have known someone who ‘*never meets a stranger,*’ or, is friendly to everyone they meet. These type of people normally go around with a smile on their face and a spring in their step. They are such a joy to be around. The wise man Solomon spoke of how this comes about. Most everyone wants a friend in their life and Solomon recognized this and said, “**A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly.**” But notice the last part of that verse, “**...and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**” The ultimate friend that is “friendly” is Jesus Christ our Lord. He loves His bride with an everlasting love and shows His love continually in our lives. When we do the will of God, we are blessed to feel the smiles of our Lord. In one of the parables found in Matthew 25:23 we find the Lord saying, “**Well done, good and faithful servant...**” What one of us would not want to bring a friendly smile to the face of our heavenly Father?

Having friends fills a great need that we all have. However, earthly friends will either let you down or else they move to another city or pass away. They don’t always remain with us throughout our life time. The Lord, on the other hand, never changes. He is “**a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**”

How many earthly friends do you have? You know, friends that are there when you need them yet do not try to rule your life; or maybe just one that you can share your feelings with at any time. A true friend is one that is compassionate, caring, truthful and trustworthy, and yet not as the three friends of Job who became very judgmental.

We need to show ourselves friendly, not only to our earthly friends, but especially to the greatest friend we could ever have, Jesus Christ our Lord. Jesus said, “**Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you**” (John 15:14). How are you treating your closest friend? ***Think About IT!***