

***The Missing Factors of Genuine Friendship  
Friendship is Redemptive: Jesus  
John 15:9-17 (page 750)***

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**Genuine friendship with Jesus brings j\_o\_y to Him and to me  
(John 15:11)**

**Jesus shows us that *genuine friendship* always involves:**

- **A committed s\_a\_c\_r\_i\_f\_i\_c\_e (v 13)**
  - √ Jesus demonstrated the c\_o\_s\_t to authentic friendship by considering my n\_e\_e\_d more important than His c\_o\_m\_f\_o\_r\_t (Romans 5:6-8)
- **A willingness to t\_r\_u\_s\_t (v 14)**
  - √ Jesus calls me to respond w\_i\_l\_l\_i\_n\_g\_l\_y to His sacrificial l\_o\_v\_e (John 14:15, 23-24)
- **Unhindered i\_n\_t\_i\_m\_a\_c\_y (v 15)**
  - √ Jesus does not h\_i\_d\_e anything from me or keep the t\_r\_u\_t\_h from me (Colossians 1:25-27)
- **An i\_n\_t\_e\_n\_t\_i\_o\_n\_a\_l act (16a)**
  - √ Jesus i\_n\_i\_t\_i\_a\_t\_e\_d my friendship with Him (John 15:19; Acts 9:15)
- **Continuing f\_r\_u\_i\_t\_f\_u\_l\_n\_e\_s\_s (v 16b)**
  - √ Jesus e\_x\_p\_e\_c\_t\_s His friendship to:
    - Produce His l\_o\_v\_e in us for o\_t\_h\_e\_r\_s (CARE)
    - Increase a s\_e\_n\_s\_i\_t\_i\_v\_i\_t\_y to God's d\_e\_s\_i\_r\_e\_s (PRAYER)

**Genuine friendship with Jesus enables me to live a  
r\_e\_d\_e\_m\_p\_t\_i\_v\_e life (John 15:8)**

- **A *redemptive* life is characterized by:**
  - √ Joyful o\_b\_e\_d\_i\_e\_n\_c\_e to Jesus that b\_r\_i\_n\_g\_s others into a n\_e\_w friendship with Jesus f\_o\_r\_e\_v\_e\_r (John 15:14, 16)

**Four questions to ask myself:**

*Do I have a genuine friendship with Jesus?*

*What am I doing to **build** and **keep** that friendship strong?*

*Has my friendship with Jesus **made any difference** in my life?*

*Has my friendship with Jesus **made a difference** in the lives of **others** that I **know**?*