

# Evening Lesson

## FIVE FACTS ABOUT A FRIEND

Prov. 18:24

### INTRO:

1. "No man is a failure who has friends."
2. "I went out into the world to find a friend and I could not find one there.  
Then I went out to be a friend and friends were everywhere."
3. Let's observe five words that can help us understand how to be a true friend.

### I. JOY.

- A. Friend – "One attached to another by affection or esteem."
- B. Close friends are a joy to have. **Prov. 27:9**

### II. ENCOURAGES.

- A. Barnabas. **Acts 4:36; Acts 15:25.**
- B. Barnabas took Paul and introduced him. **Acts 9:26-28**

### III. SUPPORTS.

- A. If one falls, a friend is the one who helps him up. **Eccl. 4:10**
- B. The Beatles – "I get by with a little help from my friends."

### IV. UNDERSTANDS.

- A. A friend loves at all times because he understands.  
**Prov. 17:17**
- B. "A friend is someone who knows all about you yet loves you anyway."
- C. "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

### V. STICKS.

- A. A friend sticks with you regardless. **Prov. 18:24**
- B. One of the marks of a true friend is that he is there when there is every reason for him not to be. **Prov. 17:17**

### CONC:

1. Jesus is a true friend. **Matt. 11:19**
2. When you spell his name remember these words.
  - a. Joy. **Luke 2:10**
  - b. Encourages. **John 6:63**
  - c. Supports. **Heb. 13:6**
  - d. Understands. **Heb. 4:15; John 2:24, 25**
  - e. Sticks. **Heb. 13:5**
3. What a friend we have in Jesus!