

**INTRODUCTION: INTERESTING RESOURCES**

1. Bible dictionaries of various kinds (e.g. *Dict. of Bibl. Imagery*)
2. *David the Fugitive: True Friendship* (2009, Christian Focus; Jonathan, God as friend; 24pp; \$3)
3. *Friendship: The Master Passion* by H. Clay Trumbull (1891; reprint Solid Ground Chr Bks; nature, history, elements, illustr; 413pp, \$18)
4. *Friendship: A Classic Guide to Finding, Restoring & Building Lasting Friendships* by Hugh Black (nd, Joshua Press, 125pp; \$12)
5. *Disciplines of a Godly Man* by R. Kent Hughes (2006, Crossway; one chapter on friendship; 304pp; \$12)
6. *Relationships: A Mess Worth Making* by Tim Lane & Paul Tripp (2006; New Growth Press, about *their* friendship; 177pp; \$13)

**I. DAVID'S FRIENDS**

- A. PROPHET** (Samuel, 19:18f,24; Gad, 22:5; 1Chr.21:9:29:29; 2Chr.29:25)
- B. PRIEST** (Ahimelech-Abiathar; 21:1f(Mt.12:3f); 22:14,15; (etc.,1Kngs.2:26))
- C. PRINCE** (Jonathan; c.18-20; 23:16f)

**II. JONATHAN & DAVID: A PROTOTYPICAL FRIENDSHIP**

**A. PERSONAL COVENANT**

1. *soul knit* (18:1; see Gen.44:30)
2. *loved as himself* (18:1,3; 20:17; see Dt.13:6; Lev.19:18=Mt.22:39; Rom.13:9; Gal.5:14; Jms.2:8)
3. *love leads to covenant* (18:3; see 20:8; 22:8; 23:18; see Dt.4:37; 7:7f; 10:5; Ps.25:14; see Gen.2:18f)
4. *significant gifts* (18:4; see 17:38; see 20:41; Job 29:4)

**B. COVENANT FAITHFULNESS**

1. *peacemaking* (19:1-7)
2. *deliverance* (20:1f,8; 32-34; 41,42)
3. *encouragement* (23:16f)

**C. PERPETUAL COVENANT** (20:14-17,23; see 2Sam.9:1f; 21:7f)

**III. FRIENDSHIP IN THE BIBLE**

**A. ELEMENTS IN COMMON WITH HUMANITY**

1. *equality in class, interests, character* (i.e., *philos*; see 1Sam.18:1f; Mt.4:18f)
2. *mutuality in time, effort, gifts, covenant* (Ex.33:11; Ps.41:9; 55:13f; see 1Sam.18:4 & 2Sam.9:1f; 21:7f; see Phil.4:15; 2Sam.20:41; Rom.16:16,etc.; see 18:3; see 20:8; 22:8; 23:18)
3. *community in values, commitments, goals* (1Sam.18:1f; see Mk.10:21; Eph.4:12f,15)
4. *loyalty in every circumstance* (Prov.17:17; 27:6,9,17; 2Sam.16:16f; see 2Sam.1:26 vs.6:16f; Jn.15:13; *contra* Ps.41:9(Jn.13:18; see Mt.26:75); 55:12f; Job 2:11; 42:7,10)
5. *general friendships: David & mighty men* (see 2Sam.23:8f)
6. *special friendship: David & Jonathan* (2Sam1:26 /Gen26:26; 2Sam3:8; 15:37; 1K4:5; 16:11 /Jn3:29; 2C11:2)
7. *like marriage: a covenanted relationship for mutual good* (Jn.15:13 w/Eph.5:25; see Eph5:33 w/Tt2:4&1Pt3:7; see Rom.9:25; see 2Sam.1:26 vs.6:16f)
8. *like adoption: taken into a familial relationship* (see Prov.18:24; see Rom.9:26; Ex.6:7)

**B. ELEMENT DISTINCTIVE TO THE GOSPEL**

1. *Enoch: walked with God* (Gen.5:22,24; see 3:8; 6:9; Eph.4:1)
2. *Abraham: the friend of God* (2Chr.20:7; Is.41:8; Jms.2:23; see Gen.18:20f)
3. *Moses: face to face with God* (Ex.33:11; Num.12:8; see 1Cor.13:12; 2Cor.4:6; 3:18; see Gen.32:30; Jdg.6:22)
4. *John the Baptizer: best man of Christ* (Jn.3:29; see Jdgs.14,15; 2Cor.11:2)
5. *John: beloved disciple of Christ* (Jn.20:2; 13:23; 19:26f; see Eph.1:4f)
6. *Lazarus: friend of Christ* (Jn.11:11; 3,5,35f)
7. *Jesus: the King's friend* (Acts 2:33; Eph.1:20f; see Mt.3:17; 17:5)
8. *Disciples: My friends* (Jn.15:14f; see Jms.2:23f; Dt.10:12; Mic.6:8)

**IV. BE A FRIEND!**

**A. BE A FRIEND OF GOD!** (Jms.2:23; Eph.2:1-10; see Rom.5:10; Heb.10:19f; Ps.25:14; contrast Jms.4:4; Mk.4:19)

**B. BE A FRIEND OF CHRIST!** (Jn.15:12f; see Jms.2:23f; Dt.10:12; Mic.6:8; see Eph.2:18; 1Cor.12:13)

**C. BE A FRIEND TO ONE ANOTHER!** (Jn.15:12f; see 1Cor.12:25; Mk.10:45; Phil.2:5f; Rom.16:16f; contrast Jn.13:18(Ps.41:9); Mt.26:75; Gal.5:13-26(15,20,26))

**D. BE A FRIEND TO ONE!** (1Sam.18:1-5; 19:1-7; 20:1f,8,14-17,23,30,41f; 23:16-18; see Prov.18:24; 19:14)