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*Happy New Year to All!*

Another new year has begun! New beginnings are always good times to reflect and take note of some things that need our attention and improvement. I always wonder what the new year will hold; what events will take place in our nation, what God will do in our home and family, who may be with the Lord before another new year rolls around.

Looking back over the past year is a good way to help you to realize how much a year can hold. What good have you accomplished for the Lord?

Are you more mature spiritually now than you were this time last year? Are there issues in your heart that you need to deal with between you and God or another? Now is a good time to get alone and do a check-up on your relationship with your Lord. New beginnings are wonderful if we take them to heart. Tomorrow is fresh with no mistakes in it. Resolve to fill it with devotion and love for the Lord Jesus Christ. God's Blessings!

~T. Miller

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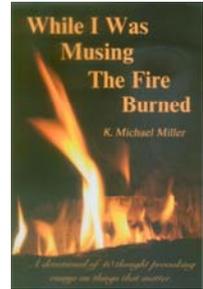
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*Let those be thy choicest companions  
who have made Christ their chief  
companion.*

*Thomas Brooks*

It is the best and truest friend who honestly tells us the truth about ourselves even when he knows we shall not like it. False friends are the ones who hide such truth from us and do so in order to remain in our favor.

R.C.H. Lenski

*What is a friend? A single soul dwelling  
in two bodies.  
Augustine*



Since nothing is nobler than the self-sacrifice of the true friend (Prov. 17:17), so nothing is more contemptible than the weakness which allows itself to be sacrificed for the sake of worthless associates.

~Barnes' Notes on the Old Testament

*Tell me what company thou keepest,  
and I'll tell thee what thou art.*

-- Miguel de Cervantes



**Lay down this rule of friendship: neither ask nor consent to do what is wrong. The plea, 'for friendship's sake,' is a discreditable one, and should not be admitted for a moment.**

**We should ask from friends and do for friends only what is good.**

– Cicero

### *The Pasture*

I'm going out to clean the pasture spring;  
I'll only stop to rake the leaves away  
(And wait to watch the water clear, I may);  
I sha'n't be gone long. – You come too.

I'm going out to fetch the little calf  
That's standing by the mother. It's so young,  
It totters when she licks it with her tongue.  
I sha'n't be gone long. – You come too.



### *If You Would Be My Friend*

*It's always nice to have one  
To walk along with you,  
To share your fun and laughter,  
Or cry a tear or two.  
But if you really want to,  
Please do these things for me,  
For we can help each other  
To walk circumspectly.*

*Be truthful in your stories  
And say things that are pure,  
Don't make me doubt my parents,  
My soul cannot endure.  
To worldly things, don't tempt me,  
But lift up Jesus' Name,  
And if you do, I promise you,  
That I will do the same.*

~T. Miller



It is one of the severest tests of friendship to tell your friend his faults. So to love a man that you cannot bear to see a stain upon him, and to speak painful truth through loving words, that is friendship.

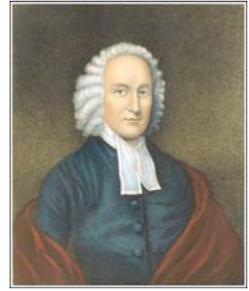
Henry Ward Beecher

Friendship is unnecessary, like philosophy, like art... It has no survival value; rather is one of those things that give value to survival.

C.S. Lewis



# Jonathan Edwards



Jonathan Edwards' father, Timothy, was pastor of the church at East Windsor, Conn.; his mother, Esther, was a daughter of Solomon Stoddard, pastor of the church at Northampton, Mass. Jonathan was the fifth child and only son among 11 children; he grew up in an atmosphere of Puritan piety, affection, and learning. After a rigorous schooling at home, he entered Yale College in New Haven, Conn., at the age of 13. After graduation in 1720, he remained at New Haven for two years, studying divinity, and received an M.A. degree in 1723 while pastoring in New York. During most of 1724–26 he was a tutor at Yale. In 1727 he became his grandfather's colleague at Northampton. In the same year, he married Sarah Pierrepont, who combined a deep, often ecstatic, piety with personal winsomeness and practical good sense. To them were born 11 children.

As a youth, Edwards was unable to accept the Calvinist sovereignty of God. He once wrote, "From my childhood up my mind had been full of objections against the doctrine of God's sovereignty... It used to appear like a horrible doctrine to me." However, in 1721 he came to the conviction, one he called a "delightful conviction." He was meditating on 1 Timothy 1:17, and later remarked, "As I read the words, there came into my soul, and was as it were diffused through it, a sense of the glory of the Divine Being; a new sense, quite different from any thing I ever experienced before... I thought with myself, how excellent a Being that was, and how happy I should be, if I might enjoy that God, and be rapt up to him in heaven; and be as it were swallowed up in him for ever!" From that point on, Edwards delighted in the sovereignty of God. Edwards later recognized this as his conversion to Christ.

His sermons on "Justification by Faith Alone" gave rise to a revival in the Connecticut River valley in 1734, and in the 1740s he was also influential in the Great Awakening. In 1750 he was dismissed from the Northampton church over a disagreement on who was eligible to take communion, and he became pastor in Stockbridge in 1751. His most famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God," vividly evokes the fate of unrepentant sinners in hell.

Edwards moved to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, then a frontier settlement, where he ministered to a small congregation and served as missionary to the Housatonic Indians. There, having more time for study and writing, he completed his celebrated work, *The Freedom of the Will* (1754). Edwards was elected president of the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University) in early 1758. He was a popular choice, for he had been a friend of the College since its inception and was the most eminent American philosopher-theologian of his time. On March 22, 1758, he died of fever at the age of fifty-four following experimental inoculation for smallpox and was buried in the President's Lot in the Princeton cemetery beside his son-in-law, Aaron Burr.

# *A True Friend*

*"A friend loveth at all times." Proverbs 17:17*

*"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Psalm 18:24*

Our lives are full of friendships. Some of them are just a passing acquaintance but there are a few that last a lifetime. Someone once said that if you have one true friend before you die, you have received a great blessing. That is because true friendship is so hard to find. What is the difference between a true friend and just a friend? What are some of the things we should be aware of when choosing our friends? What kind of friend should we be? These are some of the questions that I would like to address in this devotion.

God's Word gives us many examples of different kinds of friends, both good ones and bad. One of the first examples of a friend in the Bible was Hirah the Adullamite, Judah's friend. (*Genesis 38*) After he and his brothers had done away with Joseph, their younger brother, he left and went to live in Adullam with a man named Hirah. Hirah was his friend for a long time but did not give him good council. In the end, Judah suffered much shame for some very foolish actions.

One of the best examples of a devil-inspired friend is the story of Jonadab, Amnon's friend. Amnon was the son of David by Ahinoam, and he began thinking impure thoughts about his half-sister, Tamar. He imagined he loved his beautiful sister and wanted her for his wife, thinking about her all the time until he had made himself sick. A true friend would have tried to help him think purer thoughts about her, but not Jonadab. Jonadab helped him devise a plan to take her by force and foolish Amnon listened to his wicked council. He got what he had wanted but, as is the case with sin, it was not as wonderful as he had imagined. His sinful actions led to shame, disgrace, and eventually his murder at the hands of Tamar's brother, Absalom.

David's other son, Solomon, to whom God gave the most wisdom in the world, only has one man that is named as his friend: Zabud, son of Nathan. (*1 Kings 4*) Perhaps many men claimed to be his friend, but as far as the Bible accounts there was no one else named as the friend of Solomon.

The account of the friendship of David and Jonathan (son of Saul, the first king of Israel) is a prime example of a true friend. Everyone knew that David had been anointed to be the next king of Israel, even Saul and his family knew this. Jonathan must have been impressed with David in many ways. It is right after the account of the slaughter of Goliath that it reads, *"And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."* (*1Samual 18:1*) One would think that Jonathan would be envious of the position that David would take away from him by being king, but Jonathan even honored him by giving him some of his princely

garments and his weapons. Later in chapter 20, when Saul was driven by envy to try to kill David, Jonathan helped him to know the conspiracy and to escape Saul's evil plot. David and Jonathan made a covenant with each other for each to honor the other forever, and they never forgot it. In 1 Samuel 23:14-18, the Bible says that David hid in the wood and Jonathan found him and went to "*strengthen his hand in God.*" Jonathan and David were true friends. There was a bond between the two young men that went far beyond worrying about kingships and thrones. God honored their friendship enough to write an account of it in the Bible.

So, what makes a true friend? I have had many friends in my lifetime and some have become very dear to me as the years pass. Truthfully, most of the people that I have called "friend" have drifted away with the business of life and I am sure that some of them would not even recognize me if they met me on the street today. There have been some who have wounded me deeply, abandoning me in a time when I thought they would stand beside me. So with all these thoughts in mind, I wrote down seven things that I thought made a friend.

### *1. My friend is someone I can trust.*

In Webster's words, trust is: *a reliance or resting of the mind on the integrity, veracity, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person.* You must be able to rely on your friend. You do not want a friend that loves you today and tomorrow is offended at something you did or did not do. "*A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.*" (James 1:8) Barnes' notes says that a double minded man is "*one who is wavering or inconstant. It is applicable to a man who has no settled principles; who is controlled by passion; who is influenced by popular feeling; who is now inclined to one opinion or course of conduct, and now to another.*" There is no way to trust a person who is this way. You never know if they are going to be in good spirits with you or if they will find fault with you and leave you hanging. Proverbs 17:17 says that "*a friend loveth at all times.*" Whether things are good or bad, if someone loves you, love never changes.

It really bothers me when someone tries to make me think they are something they are not, just so I will like them. Probably because before I was saved, I would be that way to one extent or another. My attitude and ideals would change with the person I was with. Do you know someone who can talk a "Christian" talk with one crowd but fit right in with the worldly crowd as well? It is such a damaging attribute. If a person cannot be honest about himself or herself, they do not need to be your friend. Honesty is a necessary part of any relationship, so if your friend is not honest with you in this way, then they will not be honest with you in other ways. They are a dangerous person to have as a friend. They do not only damage their character but will also damage yours if they are known to be your friend.

### *2. My friend will let me be myself without judgement, but will give me advice when I am wrong.*

*"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* (Proverbs 27:6) Most people are afraid of telling their friend that they are doing something wrong. We are always fearful of hurting their feelings. I am guilty of that, also. But with true friends, this should not be so. A true friend will love you at all times (Proverbs 17:17) and instead of being critical of you to others, will discuss the problem with you personally. Too many people want a friend in whom they can find fault so that they can feel more justified in their own shortcomings. A true friend encourages you to better things. *"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."* (Proverbs 27:17) Have you ever seen a chef wildly rubbing two knives together? That is the way that he can put a finer edge on them and make them very sharp. Give me a friend who will challenge me to think on things that will make my mind sharper and more ready to face the fiery darts of the devil.

**3. *My friend will not disassociate from me because we disagree.***

Friends do not have to agree on everything. There are certain issues of Godliness that are essential to a healthy relationship but true friends will be able to come to a point of agreement in one way or another. A person who will become angry when someone disagrees with them is not a stable person. The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Anger is not in the list. I have had friends become angry with me over things that we did not agree on when if they had only had patience and longsuffering, the problem could have been explained. It is a terrible hurt when someone you call "friend" acts this way.

**4. *My friend does not demand my approval or the majority of my attention.***

A true friend does not have to be constantly reassured that you still like them. I have a few ladies that I call my friends and we all go to different churches, live in different towns, some in different states. We talk on the phone occasionally but none of us have time to write and I only get email from one of them. If our relationship was based on how much time we were able to spend together, we would not have a friendship. But we know that if one has a need, we have someone we can count on. You know they will be there when you need them, no matter what.

**5. *My friend will not be offended when I give them advice.***

True friends can talk about anything. Although no one likes being told they are wrong, if someone whom I know loves me tells me I am doing something that will hurt me, either physically or spiritually, I will listen and consider what they are saying. Likewise, I would hope that I could say things to my friend that would help them and they would also consider what I have said without malice.

**6. *My friend will help me think on good things of the Lord and not on this world and its pleasures.***

When my friends and I get a chance to talk on the phone, it is always a blessing. We never end a conversation without telling some things that the Lord has been doing in our lives or sharing something special we have read from a devotional or from the Word. I do not have to worry about them saying anything profane or telling me about an improper book or movie. When we end our conversation we feel like we have been refreshed. If your friend only wants to talk about boys and rock stars, movies and magazines, but never has anything to say about God or anything to do with Him, you really need to find a different friend. You would especially need to seek better acquaintances if they were always encouraging you to join them in their worldly entertainment. *"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."* (1Corinthians 15:33) Trying to help a worldly, lost person by being their friend is not a good idea, for they will be a greater influence on you than you can endure.

### 7. *My friend does not back-bite others to me or me to others.*

Gossip is a wicked, evil thing and can separate chief friends. (Proverbs 16:28) Never allow gossip to be a part of your friendship. Be aware that if a person likes to talk to you about other people, they are talking to other people about you. As I said before, there must be trust and confidence in a relationship or there can be no friendship at all.

Although most people think that you just have to have a friend or life is not worth living, that is really not true. Acquaintances are not the same as friends and we all have them, they come and go. But a true friend is someone who will never let you down, will always love you and be there for you. When you are young, your best friend could be your brother or sister (really!). Mom and Dad should be some of the best friends that we have for no one on earth will love you and care for you as unconditionally as they will. When you marry, your best friend should be your husband. My husband is my best friend and it is one of the greatest joys I have here on earth.

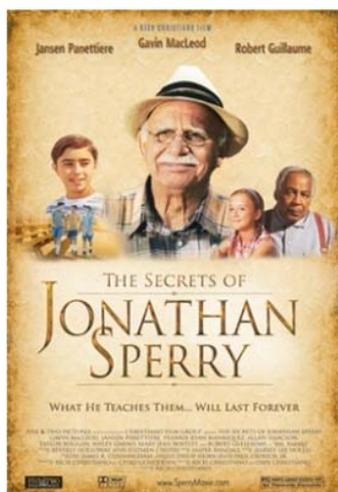
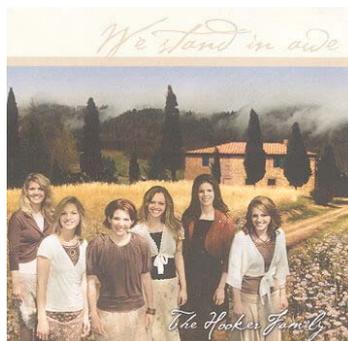
The truest Friend of all time is Jesus Christ. He calls us His friends, and He laid down His life for us, and *"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."*(John 15:13) He promised to never leave us or forsake us, (Hebrews 13:5) and that is a promise you can count on.

So, what kind of friend are you looking for? What kind of friend are you? Who you choose as your friend is very important, for others will judge what you are by the friends that you have. It is better to have one good friend, no matter where they may be, than to have many loose acquaintances who are not true friends. Just remember to be faithful to your best and dearest Friend. Be a true friend to Jesus.

## *Miscelanius Page*

### **The Hooker Family – We Stand in Awe**

This group of six sisters has come recommended to us from one of our trusted readers. I have listened to many of the sample selections and find them very pleasant to listen to. They are professional without the showy “canned” voices and the music is not overdone. They also have some older projects that you may be interested in, all available at: [www.oldchristianmusic.com](http://www.oldchristianmusic.com)

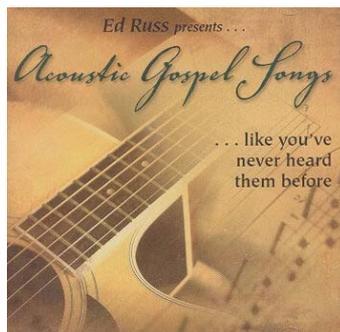


### **The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry – DVD**

I do not often recommend movies. But sometimes I find one that is made by people that are concerned with what Hollywood is producing and want to make a change. “The Secrets of Jonathan Sperry” is one of those. It was a refreshing change. The movie is set “in a quaint town in the early 1970s. Their neighborhood is a safe one, where kids still ride their banana seat bikes and offer to mow lawns for a few bucks. Kids hang out with one another and fish under bridges while talking about their hopes and dreams. And, of course, there is a local bully who everyone loves to hate, and a group of three kids who are the stars of the show.” (taken from the review) The DVD is available at some Wal-Mart stores, and on line at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), as well as other sites.

### **Ed Russ -- Acoustic Gospel Songs**

Bluegrass is basically my favorite kind of music, (just my Ozark roots!) if it is played right and not twangy. Ed Russ and his friends do a wonderful job on a great list of old favorites. If you like fiddles, guitars and banjos, you will enjoy listening to Ed Russ and his group. This can also be found at: [www.oldchristianmusic.com](http://www.oldchristianmusic.com)



## Crafts and Things

### Porcelain Lace Mirror

1. Buy a small 5"x7" framed mirror.
2. Buy a wide piece of pre-gathered lace, at least six inches longer than the four side of the frame.
3. Saturate the lace in a cup of liquid white glue.
4. Place the mirror right side up on wax paper. Brush extra glue on the frame.
5. Lay the gathered edge of the lace along the frame, overlapping the mirror slightly. Start at one corner and go all the way around, adding extra lace at the corners. Cut off any excess lace.
6. Arrange the lace in smooth folds, and allow it to dry thoroughly.
7. When dry, brush on high-gloss varnish or a découpage finish.
8. Glue a wide decorative cord or ribbon over the gathered edge of the lace.
9. Hang the mirror, or stand it on an easel.
10. Note that with this same method, you can transform an ordinary picture frame into a porcelainized-lace confection.



### Beaded Lamp Shades

1. For the hanging fringe, start with a good amount of a strong beading thread on a beading needle. Make a firm knot in the end of the thread and attach along the bottom edge of your lampshade. String seed beads as long as you want the fringe; you can either add a larger bead on the bottom or use all small beads. Skipping the last bead you strung, run the beading needle back through the entire line of beads and attach about 1/4 inch from your starting knot. Continue all the way around, adding more thread when needed.
2. For a looped fringe, using the beading needle and thread, string as many beads as will make the loop that you prefer and stitch at intervals along the top edge so that beads drape nicely. You can add another line of bead along the top to match, if you like.

## Potpourri Heart

South Maid #10 bedspread weight (make many from one ball); 1 yd of 1/4" ribbon; Steel crochet hook size 7. Finished size is approx. 4 + 1/2".

Make two:

Row 1: Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form ring; (for beg. shell=ch 3, dc, ch2, 2 dc) in ring; ch 8; for Shell (sh)=(2dc, ch2, 2dc) in ring, turn. (2 shells, 1 ch sp).

Row 2: Ch 5, sh in ch sp of first sh, ch 1, 15 tr in next ch sp, ch 1, sh in ch sp of last sh, turn. (2 shells, 15tr).

Row 3: Ch 5, sh in first sh, ch 2, tr in next st, (ch 1, tr in next st) 14 times, ch 2, sh in last sh, turn.

Row 4: Ch 5, sh in first sh, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, (ch 4, sc in next ch sp) 13 times, ch 3, sk next ch sp, sh in last sh, turn.

Rows 5-16: Ch 5, sh in first sh, ch 4, sk next ch sp, (sc in next ch sp, ch 4) across to ch sp before last sh, sk next ch sp, sh in last sh, turn.

Row 17: Ch 5, sh in first sh, ch 4, sk next ch sp, sc in next ch sp, ch 4, sk next ch sp, sh in last sh, turn.

Row 18: Ch 5, dc first two sts of first sh tog., dc last two sts of same sh tog., ch 1, dc first 2 sts of last sh tog., dc last 2 sts of last sh tog., turn.

Row 19: Ch 5, sl st in ch 1 sp between shells. Fasten off.

You can either put some pot-pourrie or I put mothballs into mine and hang them off my coat hangers.

Holding both sides of hearts tog., matching sts., starting at centre top, weave ribbon through ch sps next to shells working over 2 ch sps and under 2 ch sps..Tie a bow at the top.



## Recipes

### *Valentines Creamy Jigglers*

2-1/2 cups boiling water  
2 pkg. (8-serving size each) JELL-O, any red flavor  
1 cup cold milk  
a Flavor Instant Pudding

- 1 Dissolve gelatin in boiling water and let cool for 30 minutes.
- 2 In medium bowl, add milk and whisk in pudding mix; add to gelatin and mix well. Pour into a lightly sprayed 9"x12" baking dish.
- 3 Refrigerate for 3 hours. Dip bottom of pan in warm water for a few seconds, then cut into shapes, being sure to go all the way through to the bottom. Store in refrigerator in tight container.



### *Country Apple Pull-Apart*

1 tablespoon Butter, softened  
1 1/2 cups chopped peeled apples  
1 can (12 oz) Pillsbury Grands layered refrigerated biscuits  
1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/3 cup light corn syrup  
1 teaspoon rum flavoring  
1 Egg  
1/2 cup Pecan Halves or Pieces

Glaze :

1/3 cup powdered sugar  
1/4 teaspoon vanilla  
1 to 2 teaspoons milk

1. Heat oven to 350°. Spray an 8" or 9" baking pan. Spread 1 cup apples in pan.
2. Cut each biscuit into quarters. Arrange biscuits points up over apples. Top with remaining apples.
3. In small bowl, mix butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, corn syrup, rum flavoring and egg; beat 2-3 minutes. Stir in pecans. Spoon over biscuit pieces and apples.
4. Bake 35-45 minutes or until deeply golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. If desired, remove from pan.
5. In a small bowl, mix glaze. Drizzle over warm cake. Serve warm or cool.



(This is great! Made it for Christmas!)

### *Bacon-Cheese Pull-Apart*

1 egg  
2 tablespoons milk  
1 (16.3-oz.) can Pillsbury Grands Flaky Layers Refrigerated Biscuits  
1 (2.1-oz.) pkg. bacon, cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
3/4 cup shredded Cheddar cheese  
1/4 cup finely chopped green onions (4 medium)

1. Heat oven to 350°. Spray a 9"x13" glass baking dish
2. In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk until smooth.
3. Cut biscuits into quarters; gently stir biscuit pieces into egg mixture to coat evenly. Fold in bacon, cheese, and onions. Spoon mixture into dish; arrange biscuit pieces in single layer.
4. Bake for 23-28 minutes or until golden brown. Cut into squares.

(If desired, while biscuits are baking, make a pan of breakfast gravy to serve on top. Really good!)



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