Weekly Devotional 4-1-2012 A True Friend

Proverbs 18:24 "A man that has friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother."

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked” C.S. Lewis!

We all have those few friends that we can tell anything to. They are those friends who accept you no matter what whether you are grippy, sad, angry, lonely, feeling like an outcast, they are those friends who are always there for you NO matter what. They can be a friend you have known all your life or someone you met later in life and just clicked with. Friendships can take on the aspect of a relationship which is closer that a sibling relationship. Similarly with friendships one can also experience the same pains and differences. People are people none of us perfect. We can agree to disagree but there is still that part of us that gets upset if “our way” is not seen and perfectly understood.

In Psychology we all have roles that we play. What I mean here by *play* is not that we are acting but that we have *Life Commandments* that are instilled in us from the moment we are born. These commandments tell our brain that whatever issue we are debating our system of beliefs is right. However, the moral treatment of how we treat others also instills *life commandments* on people you engage with everyday. We are called to be salt and light in a world of darkness. We should treat everyone as a friend.

Just as Jesus never met a stranger we also should be accepting of everyone.

There is really only one true Friend that you have and that is Christ Jesus. He never judges you He will judge your sin, but not you. You are loved so well and deeper than any love you can ever imagine by Him. No matter how *cracked* you may be, no matter what kind of person you are, no matter whether or not you agree with Him; HE loves you and me and every human on this earth. Today show Christ love to others you encounter whether or not they are of your denomination, ethnic background, or agree with your beliefs ~~ be the salt of the world and be a friend like Christ to all ☺

Have a Blessed and wonderful day~!