

## About Making Friends and Building Relationships

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Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends,  
for it is one of God's best gifts.

It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self,  
and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another.

—*Thomas Hughes*

Fear makes strangers of people who would be friends.

—*Shirley MacLaine*

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out.

It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being.  
We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

—*Albert Schweitzer*

I have friends in overalls whose friendship I would not swap  
for the favor of the kings of the world.

—*Thomas Edison*

Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going  
to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness,  
and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward.

Your life will never be the same again.

—*Og Mandino*

The most beautiful discovery true friends make is  
that they can grow separately without growing apart.

—*Elisabeth Foley*

The shortest distance between new friends is a smile.

—*Unknown*

Tart words make no friends; a spoonful of honey  
will catch more flies than a gallon of vinegar.

—*Benjamin Franklin*

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is  
someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.

—*Oprah Winfrey*

Friendship with oneself is all-important because without it  
one cannot be friends with anyone else in the world.

—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head.

If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.

—*Nelson Mandela*

Know how to listen, and you will profit even from those who talk badly.

—*Plutarch*

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged,  
sympathetic with the striving,  
and tolerant of the weak and strong.

Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—*George Washington*

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

—*Joseph Newton*

It is only when we no longer compulsively need someone  
that we can have a real relationship with them.

—*Anthony Storr*

Never idealize others. They will never live up to your expectations.

Don't over-analyze your relationships. Stop playing games.

A growing relationship can only be nurtured by genuineness.

—*Leo Buscaglia*

The best vitamin for making friends: B1.

—*Unknown*

To be able to practice five things everywhere under  
heaven constitutes perfect virtue— gravity, generosity of  
soul, sincerity, earnestness, and kindness.

—*Confucius*

Think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.

—*Napoleon Hill*

Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born.

—*Anaïs Nin*

It is a good thing to be rich, it is a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be beloved of many friends.

—*Euripides*

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, "What! You too? I thought I was the only one."

—*C. S. Lewis*

The two worst strategic mistakes to make are acting prematurely and letting an opportunity slip; to avoid this, the warrior treats each situation as if it was unique and never resorts to formulae, recipes, or other people's opinions.

—*Paul Coelho*

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