

- a. Friends are an important part of our lives.
- b. We can all learn to become better friends.
- c. Friendship is a mutual relationship, and one of choice.
- d. Friendship is based upon three factors: liking, sharing, and caring.
- e. There are different types of friends, different degrees of friendship, and different reasons why people choose the friends they do.

- a. Many friendships dissolve for one reason or another—some last a lifetime.
- b. Among those things which commonly destroy friendships are:
 - (1) distance
 - (2) change
 - (3) misunderstandings
 - (4) mistreatment of a friend
 - (5) lack of communication or honesty
 - (6) gossip
- c. Friendship is a gift, a mystery, and a matter of free choice.