

*Quotations on Friendship*

Who ceases to be a friend, never was one.

*Anonymous*

Every man should have a fair sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.

*Mark Twain*

There are many moments in friendship, as in love, when silence is beyond words. The faults of our friend may be clear to us, but it is well to seem to shut our eyes to them.

Friendship is usually treated by the majority of mankind as a tough and everlasting thing which will survive all manner of bad treatment. But this is an exceedingly great and foolish error; it may die in an hour of a single unwise word . . .

*Marie Louise de la Ramée (Ouida)*

A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.

*Arabian Proverb*

The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one.

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Better to be a nettle in the side of your friend than his echo.

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The more we love our friends, the less we flatter them; it is by excusing nothing that pure love shows itself.

*Molière*

The supreme happiness of life is the conviction of being loved for yourself, or, more correctly, being loved in spite of yourself.

*Victor Hugo*

Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot forgive each other's little failings.

*Jean de La Bruyère*

Human friendship has limits because of the real greatness of man. We are too big to be quite comprehended by another. There is always something in us left unexplained, and unexplored. We do not even know ourselves, much less can another hope to probe into the recesses of our being. Friendship has a limit, because of the infinite element in the soul.

*Hugh Black*

Friends have everything in common.

*Pythagoras*

Do not enter into friendships with your inferiors.

*Confucius*

The man who starts to love must be prepared to suffer.

*Chevalier de Méré*

To love means to have another person's happiness as one's goal, to put the other person before one's self, to serve and devote one's self to the other's good.

*Taine*

It is better to have a critical friend than one who flatters you.

*Anonymous*

If you want to know your friend, lie down by the roadside and pretend to be drunk.

*Jamaican Proverb*

True friends are recognized in the ordeal of misfortune.

*Aesop*