

Abraham was a friend of the Lord because he obeyed the Lord (Gen.18:19). He was also a servant of the Lord (Gen.26:24). The fact that Abraham was a friend of the Lord is illustrated when the Lord revealed His plan to Abraham to destroy the cities of the plain (Gen.18).

Now, in John 15:15-17 He is telling us that "No longer do I keep calling you all 'slaves' because the slave does not have inherent knowledge/understand what his master is doing.

But I have declared/named you friends, for everything I have learned 'from the immediate source of My Father I have revealed/made clearly understood to you-for your advantage.

Now that's being intimate!

There are 2 kind of relationships:

(1) Friendship

(2) Acquaintances

Of all the relationships you will have in your life the one with the Lord is the most important. But you will have to work at it. We as believers must recognize the awesome privilege that we have been given, we have been called into fellowship with the Triune God.

The person who keeps on willingly studying the Mind of Christ (the Word of God), keeps on being the friend of Christ.

Believers treat the Lord as an acquaintance because they do not love Him and are disobeying the 1<sup>st</sup> great commandment.

Mark 12:29-31 Let's read this verse.

Too often, we as believers value our human relationships more than our relationship with the Lord.

This is reflected in our priorities in life...do you have to miss class to watch a TV show, or a game, or anything in life that Satan's loves to distract us with in life?