

The Gospel According to James (Taylor)  
*You've Got a Friend:*  
The Truth About True Friendship

**The way to have true friends is to be a true friend.**

*(Proverbs 18:24a) A man who has friends must himself be friendly.*

Your prayer for more true friends will be answered by what you give, not what you get.

**You are a true friend when you love at all times.**

*(Proverbs 17:17) A friend loves at all times...*

A true friend is a thermostat, not a thermometer.

True friendship is a gift, not a trade.

**True friends heal their hurts by doing what Jesus says.**

*(Matthew 18:15) If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.*

I'll go to you, not wait for you to come to me.

I'll talk to you, not about you to everyone else.

I'll work to solve a problem, not attack you as a person.

I want to win you back, not win an argument.

**God wants you to be a true friend to yourself.**

*(Galatians 5:14) The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*

I will give the love I live.

**You've got a friend in Jesus.**

*(John 15:13) The greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends.*

*(John 15:15) I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father.*