

**True friends are hard to find? True or False**  
**What would you say are the contributing factors of why that is true?**

**Should Christians have stronger friendships than non-Christians and if so why?**

**What would you say is missing in Christian friendships today?**

**Christian friendships need to be attached to the vine and not just the hip.**

**When Christian friendships are attached to the vine they bear fruit.**

*I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. John 15:1-2*

**When Christian friendships are attached to the vine they recognize the difference in producing and bearing fruit.**

*Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. John 15:4*

**They seek the attention that should go to Jesus.**

*I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. John 15:5*

**They eventually burn out or burn up.**

*If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them and cast them into the fire and they are burned. John 15:6*

**They ask for things with a selfish motivation.**

*If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7*

**They seek opportunities to question the connection between God's word and God's love.**

*Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. John 15:9-10*

*These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. John 15:11*

*This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. John 15:12-13*

*You are My friends if you do what I command you. John 15:14*

*No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:15*

*You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. John 15:16*