

## **CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP**

### **Proverbs 6: 1-3**

Friendship is one of the most valuable assets that one can possess. If you find one good friend with whom you can share your heart, you have found a treasure. Celebrate your friendship because it is truly a blessing. Some people discover friends in their family including their spouse or siblings. A true friend will celebrate your achievements and stand with you in your crisis. They will tell you the truth with the hope of correction and patiently walk with you on the glory road.

Every healthy friendship has boundaries. One of those boundaries is the exchange of money. Money can break up a friendship. When money is a gift it can enhance the relationship. When money is used to pay a debt it can be detrimental to the friendship. Our text suggests that we should not lend money to a friend because there could be a liability for someone who is a cosigner on a bill. If they fail to pay a bill it becomes your responsibility.

Let me share with you three ways that we can celebrate a healthy friendship. A true friend loves, is longsuffering and loyal.

1. Celebrate A Friend's Love.
  - A. Boundaries of when to say yes or no
  - B. Compassion in the midst of a crisis
  
2. Celebrate A Friend's Longsuffering.
  - A. Blessings of a true word and witness
  - B. Comfort by a friend's presence
  
3. Celebrate A Friend's Loyalty.
  - A. Believe that things will change
  - B. Commitment to stand with you