

F R I E N D S O F T H E

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Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

John 15:13-15



1 CHRONICLES 23–27

gives an account of those who served David and their proximity to the Throne.

1 CHRONICLES 23

is a description of the family of Levites.

1 CHRONICLES 24

are the Priests, the household of Aaron.

1 CHRONICLES 25

are the musicians and their families.

1 CHRONICLES 26

are the gatekeepers and the treasurers.

1 CHRONICLES 27:1-15

are the military leaders, generals, captains and military commanders.

David's Inner Circle

1 Chronicles 27:32-34

Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a counsellor, a wise man, and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king's sons. ³³ Ahithophel was the king's counsellor, and Hushai the Archite was the king's companion. ³⁴ After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the general of the king's army was Joab.



CORNERSTONE

John 15:15b

For all things I've heard from My Father, I have made known to you.

John 15:15a

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing...



John 2:23

Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did.

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John 2:24

But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men...



How Do We Get To Become His Friend?



1

The invitation to friendship
has been extended to us.



John 5:20

For the Father **LOVES** the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.



How Do We Get To Become His Friend?



2

Obedience is the key to
greater intimacy with Christ.



John 15:14

You are My friends if you do whatever
I command you.



How Do We Get To Become His Friend?



3

Our hearts and mouths matter in our relationship with the Trinity.

Proverbs 22:11

He who loves purity of heart and has grace on his lips, the king will be his friend.



In a normal Jewish wedding, there are different groups of people involved.



- The bride and the groom.
- The friends of the bridegroom.
- The virgins or the bridal party that accompany the bride.
- The guests who are invited to the wedding.
- The father of the bridegroom.