

In this reading, we will talk about a trend that has been established since humanity has been on earth. This trend and relationship are as important as daily decisions and even love, and it deals with each side's heart and spirits. Although its significant impact and importance in everyday life, we could barely find good books on this subject, the FRIENDSHIP!

As expected, friendship influences every aspect of personal lives, which could not easily be denied or ignored. Exaggeratedly, It's supposed to be called a "new family," it's not wholly accurate, but this statement shows the importance of friendship.

Evaluating the definition of friendship, we can find various meanings for this word, which are practical but different at roots, for example, a friend of animals, a friend of the earth, a friend of life, etc. This complexity has made the philosophers think about this problem, and as one of the pioneers, Aristotle categorized friendship into three groups: friends of the assistant, friends of joy, and friends of goodness & honesty.

The importance of assistant friends is due to the help that you could receive at difficulties at a job or in particular conditions. As their name exposes, friends of joy are always for fun, and they could make you laugh still. The main point about the mentioned friendships is that it provides you something, and if this helps or does not satisfy you, the fellowship will be non-sense, as long as they have value till they provide what you expect from friendship. But the 3<sup>rd</sup> friendship, like its name, is valued and essential because of itself.

To be more specific on virtuous friendship, the main feature that distinguishes this friendship from another type is its mutual commitment. It also has various advantages, including psychological and health benefits.

Supposing all friendships real and advantageous is a wrong attitude. They could be harmful as well as being full of benefits. It's proved now that men are much worse than women at making friendships, which is a negative point for men at social skills.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> problem of friendships is the tendency to make a relationship with persons with the same or near background or social station. This trend causes real damages to social mobility or, in other words, birds of a feather flock together!

Although most people assign the friendship as a private matter, we should accept that the kind of friend, bad/good, has a significant effect on a different aspect of daily life like health condition, quality of our careers and life satisfaction. This point of view makes the decision-maker organizations and officials rethink the policies that they authorize.

From a psychological viewpoint, friendship is like a flower; it needs enough time and care to flourish. Unfortunately, most of us spend our spare time with family, and we never try to dedicate a particular time to make some new relationships with new friends. On the other hand, reducing working hours could be against economic policies since 30% of friendships are formed through work.



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As mentioned before, most people make new friendships with the same class and background in normal conditions, which is right about neighbors. It means that rich people have rich neighbors, but there is a chance to have different classes just at hospitals and holy places where people from different classes meet each other.

In the end, we should remind the great importance of friendship in society and social mobility. The subject of friendship in the community is much more valued, and it's not only the excellent treatment of citizens with their real friends but also toward the whole social world.



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