



CHARACTERISTICS OF A HEART OF A TRUE FRIEND

1. Genuine _____

Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. - 1 Samuel 18:1

For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." - Galatians 5:14

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, - 1 Peter 1:22

2. Deep _____

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. - 1 Samuel 18:3

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. - Hebrews 10:24-25

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; - Romans 12:10

3. Generous _____

Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt. - 1 Samuel 18:4

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith. - Galatians 6:10

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. - 1 John 3:16

4. Fierce _____

“For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die.” - 1 Samuel 20:31



HEART CHECK

***Do I demonstrate the heart of a true friend toward other Christ followers?**

☐ **Do I have a genuine “no strings attached” love for others?**

☐ **Am I committed to others seeking to honor them even above myself?**

☐ **How generous am I in giving what I have to others?**

☐ **Am I loyal to my friends no matter what it may cost me personally?**

***What kind of friend am I toward those who are closest to me?**

- my parents, my spouse, my children, my siblings