

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship is a simple word yet hard to define. Hard because it has many meanings and people tend to have different opinions on it. Friendship, according to Muhammad Ali, the famous boxer, is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It is something you learn in school, but if you have not learned the meaning of true friendship, you really have not learned anything, while the Japanese have a term, 'kenzoku', which translated literally means family or the true friendship.

Meeting new people and attaining good friendship can happen just a snap, but maintaining it is really hard as it requires trust, faith and being selfless. We need all of it to have a long good friendship. Without it, friendship is useless. It is like having person by our side but gaining nothing for us to doubt each other's characteristics and friendship. Elie Wiesel once said, "Friendship marks a life even more deeply than love. Love risks degenerating into obsession, friendship is never anything but sharing".

Of course, our life would be monotonous and dull without them. Charles Lamb rightly said,

"Friend of my blossom, thou more than a brother,

Why wert thou not born in my father's dwelling?"

Good friends can also have as many qualities as he or she can. First, friends who act as a positive influence in our lives. They will not influence us into several vices like drinking, smoking, using drugs and others. Second, friends who understand our past as true friends will understand us not because of what we do in the past but because of who we are.

Personally, strong friendships have been developed between Aflah, Auni, Amira and Izzati. This has taken a lot of years to build and they had their good and bad memories together. They are there for each other for any problem and always willing to leave everything they are doing and listen to each other. They are siblings as they know every single thing about each other you can never think of. Although they have fight sometimes, but they always manage to get it over with.

Lastly, real friendship is a rare blessing. When dark clouds of sorrow surround us on all sides, they will give us a ray of light. They will encourage us to be better and cheer us up in our misery. True friends also will stand by us through thick or thin of life. True friends have no secret between them and always have a perfect understanding of each other. Money and social status cannot stand in the way of true friendship