

The Value of an Ordinary Life
Part 4: “The Mighty Force of Friendship”

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
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**“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life
for a friend.”** **John 15:13**

Every ordinary Christian can be a mighty force in God’s Kingdom by living out six basic character traits of Christian friendship as seen in **1 Thessalonians 2:1-12**.

1. **Focused on God. (1 Thessalonians 2:2, 4)**
2. **Rightly motivated (1 Thessalonians 2:3-6)**
3. **Inclusive (1 Thessalonians 2:8)**
4. **Encouraging (1 Thessalonians 2:7, 12)**
5. **Not burdensome (1 Thessalonians 2:9)**
6. **Devoted (1 Thessalonians 2:11)**

In God’s Kingdom it’s not about who has the most knowledge or talent, it’s about who faithfully stewards what they’ve been given.

“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”
2 Corinthians 3:2-3

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”
Ephesians 2:10

“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”
James 2:14-17

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”
John 13:34-35