LOVING WHAT GOD LOVES

Introduction:

Basically, friendship thrives on mutual love and understanding. That means that friends love each other, share common values and confide in one another. If we are going to be God's friends then, we must love Him sincerely and share lots of things in common with Him. God also will confide in us as His friends.

Some Friends of God in The Bible:

1. Noah – **Gen.6: 8.**
2. Job – **Job 1: 1-12.**
3. Moses – **Exod.33: 11.**
4. Abraham – **Gen.18: 17-19; Jam.2: 23.**
5. Samuel – **1Sam.3: 19; Jer.15: 1**.
6. Daniel – **Ezek.14: 14 & 20.**
7. John the Baptist – **Matt.11: 11.**

Friendship with God implies and demands that we should not only desire God but love Him with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength - **Ps.42: 1-2; Jer.29: 13; Mk.12: 30**. This means we must love what God loves - **Amos 3: 3**. In essence, we must share common values with God.

What God Loves: Ps.15: 1-5.

1. Righteousness – **Ps.45: 6-7; Ps.146: 8; 1Pet.1: 15-16; 1Jn.3: 7.**
2. The Lord's Name – **Prov.18: 10; Jn.14: 13; 15: 16; 16: 23-25; Phil.2: 9-11.**
3. His Word – **Josh.1: 8; Ps.119: 11, 89 & 105; Matt.4: 4; Col.3: 16.**
4. Prayer, Praise & Worship – **Ps.150: 1-6; 1Thess.5: 17-18; Jn.4: 23-24; Col.3: 16.**
5. Unity, Oneness & Fellowship of Brethren – **Ps.133: 1-3; Matt.18: 20; Acts 2: 41-42; Heb.10: 25.**
6. Sacrifice – Fasting & Prayer (**Ezra 8: 23; Lk.2: 36-37; Acts 13: 2**), Thanksgiving (**Phil.4: 6; 1Thess.5: 18**), Cheerful Giving (**Lk.6: 38; 2Cor.9: 7**) & Joyful Service (**Ps.100: 2; Col.3: 23**).
7. Love – **Jn.13: 34-35; 1Cor.13: 13; 1Jn.4: 7-8.**
8. Faith & Faithfulness – **Heb.11: 6; Rom.14: 23; Num.12: 7; Matt.25: 20-23; 2Cor.4: 1-2.**
9. Hard work – **Prov.12: 24; 22: 29; 27: 23; Matt.9: 36-38; 20: 1.**
10. Humility, Contriteness, Brokenness & Obedience – **1Sam.15: 23; Isa.66: 2; Matt.5: 2-5; Phil.2: 5.**
11. Openness, Honesty, Transparency & Truthfulness – **Ps.24: 3-5; Matt.5: 8; Jn.1: 47; 2Cor.8: 21.**
12. Justice & Fairness – **Gen.18: 18-19; Ps.89: 14; Prov.21: 3; Matt.23: 23.**