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We all long to find our soul mates and spend our life with them. Our daily round is organized in such a way that we come across and get to know quite a few people but only a limited number can we call friends. In most cases we and our friends are similar in characters. Besides, they are the one we can rely on every time we need help or advice.

On the one hand, friendship is a relationship between kin souls. We choose our friends according to their interests, values and personal traits. "If you don't know a person, look at his friends." That proverb comes to confirm that our friends resemble us. Naturally, we should see eye to eye with them. Then we could feel comfortable even when there is silence between us or even the smallest thing can make us burst into laughter. Having the same interests, we will enjoy the best time together. However, friendship is based, above all, on caring and understanding. As they say, "a good friend will not wipe your tears but will never make you cry". The closer you feel someone, the more necessary tact and understanding become.

On the other hand, those we can call up at four a. m. are our true friends. We can rely on them for advice, reassurance, and help. We can tell them secrets and be sure they will keep them. They won't let us get into trouble and will help us get through if we have already got into. It is said that if we are to jump off a bridge, friends won't follow us but will be at the bottom to catch us. In other words, trials teach us who our real friends are. In addition, there is no place for hypocrisy and selfishness in friendship – it is based on trust and confidence. Two thousand years ago Cicero came to the truth we repeat today: "Friendship makes prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it."

All in all, we just can't live without friends, even if we had all the rest because good friends are those who share with us our fortune and help us withstand our misfortune.



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