

My mother used to say "Friends are equals". She received these words from a dear friend of hers who by the world's stands, could have looked down on her as "less than" but she never did because that's what real friends do.

REAL friends see each other for the internal value and substance that each one brings to their relationship. Friendship is not based on the externals to include what one has or does not have.

In this life, it is important to have friends. There are very few people in my life besides family, that I would consider BFFs. The Bible tells us that in order to have friends we must show ourselves friendly. When you do your part and there is little to no reciprocation on the other end, that's ok, just know this:

- 1. Not everyone you meet in life is meant to be a "friend" if not a friend, certainly not a BFF.
- 2. As with all good relationships, friendships require at least MUTUAL desire if not MUTUAL effort.

 3. If your friendliness is not well received nor reciprocated it's ok to still be yourself, to still be kind, and to still be friendly. Blessings!
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