

Barriers to Friendship

Friday Morning

A lot of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. ~Oprah Winfrey

1. It's a rare experience.

Having a real friend is like meeting a real Christian: once you meet one it's hard to go back and be content with the life you knew before, because now you have a sense of what's possible. ~C.S. Lewis

2. Misunderstanding the meaning of friendship.
3. Idolization of work/increased mobility.
4. Elevation of personal autonomy.

*Friendship will suffer in "a culture that prizes individualism and autonomy and promotes the myth that the less encumbered and entangled I am, the less accountable and anchored to a particular relationship, the better I'll be able to find my truest self and secure real happiness. **If your deepest happiness is found in personal autonomy, then friendship is more of a liability than an asset.**" Spiritual Friendship - Wesley Hill*

5. Technology.

Pictures of Mountains - Cody Fry

6. Loneliness.

People embody the nature of God and are valuable to Him and therefore they should be valuable to us!

7. Betrayal.
8. Cynicism.
9. Lack of opportunities.
10. Being misunderstood.