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Characteristics of a Friend of God:

1. A friend of God wants to spend time with God.

2. A friend of God welcomes God into their life.

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and *opens the door*, I will come in to him."

3. A friend of God focuses their attention on God.

Genesis 18:4 - "Please let a little water be brought, and wash *your* feet, and rest *yourselves* under the tree. And I'll bring *you* a morsel of bread, that *you* may refresh *your* hearts. After that *you* may pass by, inasmuch as *you* have come to *your* servant."

4. A friend of God gives God their best.

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5. A friend of God serves God

6. A friend of God is open to correction.

Hebrews 11:11 - By faith Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because *she considered Him faithful who had made the promise.*

7. A friend of God ministers to their own family.

Proverbs 13:24 - The one who loves their children is careful to discipline them.

8. A friend of God cares for the lost.

Jude 7 - Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion.

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Ezekiel 16:49-50 - "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they didn't help the poor and needy. Thus they were haughty and did detestable things before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it."

Abraham's Prayer

1. His prayer was humble.

2. His prayer was persistent.

3. His prayer focused on God's glory.

2 Thess. 1:12 - We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified.
