

- 1 Tomorrow, the 18th, marks the anniversary in 1709, of the birth of the English writer called Doctor Johnson, who often wrote short passages on different topics. For example, he wrote about friendship:

*"I look upon every day to be lost
in which I do not make
a new acquaintance.*

- 2 On friendship, he also said:

*"A man, Sir, should keep his friendship
in constant repair."*

- 3 Saint Paul wrote a famous passage about love, which is often used at weddings. We can reflect on those words, but mentioning "*friends*" instead of "*love*":

- 4 **Friends are patient and kind;
they are not jealous or boastful;
they are not arrogant or rude.**

- 5 **Friends do not insist
on having their own way.
They are not touchy or resentful.
They don't take pleasure
when things go wrong for others,
but they are pleased
with what is good and right.**

- 6 **Friends are always ready to excuse,
to believe the other person,
to have hope,
and to stand beside their friend
in bad times as well as good.
True friendship never ends.**

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