



## Who is Our True Friend?

As I was reading, trying to understand the ninety-nine names of Allah (SWT), I was mesmerized by each one. It was when I reached the fifty-fifth name that I paused as I read “AL-WALI,” meaning “The Protecting Friend” and thought about the friendships we have with -one another.

The question that came to mind is what does a friend do for a friend? We all have different answers and we want to do so many things for our friends because we love them and care about them.

The true and the right answer came from The Holy Quran:

*“Allah is the WALI of those who believe, He brings them out of the depth of darkness and leads them into the light.” (2:257)*

After reading these verses I had to write something for myself:

### **“Insha'Allah My Commitment to my Friends”**

- ❖ Whenever you will be sad and crying...I will give you my shoulder to lean on and I will dry your tears with soothing words.
- ❖ Whenever you are scared....I will provide you protection and comfort your fears.
- ❖ Whenever you are confused....I will advise you the proper thing to do and help you cope.
- ❖ Whenever you will do something wrong....I will not criticize you but I will show you the right way.





- ❖ Whenever you are worried....I will share your worries and give you hope.
- ❖ Whenever you will be annoyed or disappointed with me.....I will try to stay calm and will make every effort to please you.
- ❖ Whenever someone talks mischievous about you.....I will protect your honor.
- ❖ Whenever you are lost, and can't see the light.....I shall be your beacon, shining ever so bright.
- ❖ Whenever you trip and fall.....I will sit down, hold your hand, help you up with grace and dignity.
- ❖ Whenever you do something sinful.....I will not judge you, but gently make you realize your mistake, give you hope to be forgiven, and I will pray for your forgiveness.
- ❖ Whenever you will feel guilty.....I will say these words of Allah (SWT):  
*“Do not despair from Allah’s mercy for Allah forgives all sins. It is He Who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.” (39:53)*
- ❖ Whenever you will need someone to talk ....I will be there to listen.
- ❖ Whenever you will tell me your problems.....I will be there to help you.
- ❖ Whenever you will backbite about others.....I will stop you.
- ❖ Whenever you will be curious about someone....I will tell only if there is a good reason for you to know.
- ❖ Whenever you want to gossip ... you can gossip to me, but only about me.
- ❖ Whenever you will hurt me.....I will tolerate, ignore and let go of it. Do you know why? Because I am your friend and I love you.





- ❖ When someone will tell me that you said something bad about me, do you know what I will do? I will smile and say you misunderstood. If Shaitan will still misguide me, I will come and talk to you.

**“If I don’t fulfill any of my commitments for any reason, please remind me.”**

I want to be your friend who can see and feel the sadness and pain behind your smile. The reason, the love and care behind your anger and silence. I want to be your friend who can see the tears that drips in the heart, not from the eyes.

I love you for the sake of ALLAH.

Do you know why I will do this? I will do this because I want to be friends in Heaven, as well as in this world. Allah says in The Noble Quran, "On that Day, even FRIENDS will become enemies to one another with the exception of the righteous people." [43: 67]

I pray that we may not be among those who will regret their friendship on The Day of Judgment. As Allah says in The Noble Quran, "Oh, woe to me! I wish I had not taken that one as a friend. He led me away from the remembrance after it had come to me. And ever is Satan, to man, a deserter." (25:28-29)

Now when I, myself, read the above points and look around me, to my surprise, I have only few friends, while the rest of them are simply acquaintances. I am lucky and grateful for the few friends that I have. Insha'Allah we will be friends in Jannatul Firdaus. Ameen.

Always remember that our real WALI is our Creator and this verse from The Noble Quran is among my daily prayers: “O, The Creator of the heavens and the earth, You are my WALI in this world and in the hereafter, make me die as a Muslim and admit me among the righteous.” Ameen (12:101)

Assalam-o-alikum Wa Rahmatullahe Wa Barakatuh

Please remember me in your prayers.

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