

## Friendship

### Reading from the Word:

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you? (John 15:12-15).

Can two walk together unless they are agreed? (Amos 3:3).

“Whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them” (Matthew 7:12).

Everyone may indeed be friendly to another, but he should be most friendly to what is good (*Arcana Coelestia* 4804).

Loving the neighbor does not mean loving his person, but *loving that in him by virtue of which he is a neighbor*—good and truth (*New Jerusalem and the Heavenly Doctrine* 106, emphasis added).

The person who is in charity by means of the truth examines thoroughly and sees what ought to be loved (*Doctrine of Faith* 21).

### *Possible Questions for Discussion:*

- Why should we “be most friendly to what is good”?
- What makes a person a good friend?
- Do you think you are a good friend to people? How could you become a better friend?
- Think about your close friends or family. Why are they your friends? What do you have in common?
- Reflect on times when your friends have helped you. What are some ways that we can let our friends know that they are important to us?