A. A Friend Indeed (vv. 14-15):

1. They by this point proved (now in Jerusalem days before His death):
   a) They remained loyal (others followed Christ but left) to the point of sacrificing one’s life.
   b) Shared their possessions (Matt. 19:27-30).
   c) In his inner circle (Even the Mt. Transfiguration Matt. 17:1-11).

2. A willful act from the mind; purposeful, knowledgeable.

3. Lordship, abiding in Him and experiencing His love makes what He says a command.

4. Believers who continuously cling to God’s Word because the view it as authoritative.
   a) The man who loves Christ is the one who "has"; His commandments and keeps them. The meaning appears to be to make the commandments one's own, to take them into one's inner being.
   b) Another word that is repeated is "command(s)". It is repeated in v. 10 (twice), vv.12,14,17.

5. A clear statement that is continuously a fact and there is no mystery about it because it expresses the inward thoughts and feelings of the one calling.

6. Christ picked a particular word:
   a) It originally was the lowest term in the scale of servitude.
   b) It expresses owner.
   c) The focus is on the needs of the master.
   d) A person who gives up their will to the will of another to whom they remain accountable.

7. Does not have a full knowledge of divine truths based on what they have seen in the eyes of their mind leading to a complete understand. Even Christ death is still something they have not accepted even though He said it a lot.

8. Does not know how the master is thinking so really do know what the master is doing.

9. A decision that Christ made since they proved themselves to be His disciples (vv. 8, 14).

10. An aorist meaning all it takes is for Christ to hear it from God once (1:1-3; 14:10). Christ understands everything His Father has said and is very committed to see it through.

11. The one who is the instrument of our spiritual birth will do everything He said He would to do for us (15:7-9; Deuteronomy 8:1-10).
   a) There are five results of abiding in Christ: answered prayer (v. 7), fruit (v. 8), a fulfilled purpose, my Father is glorified (v. 8), experiencing love (vv. 9, 10), fullness of joy (v. 11), promises riches (Psalm 112:1-3) and wealth (Proverbs 24:3-5), and effective evangelism (13:35; 15:8). Abiding in Christ involves personal communion with Him.

12. It is no longer a mystery:
   a) There is no new Bible – a once and for all act (John 17:13-19).
   b) A divinely communicated message.
   c) The revelation of God’s saving purposes.

B. A True Friend Forever (vv. 16-17):

1. This is the kindness and favor of Christ without anyone earning the right to follow Him He choose us to have a relationship with Him.

2. A one-time act of ordaining or putting someone in place for a particular purpose.
4. This can come from them because:
   a) The Holy Spirit now lives in them permanently (14:16).
   b) Christ has told them everything
   c) God is pruning them (15:1).
   d) They are committed to obeying Him (15:7-8).
   e) God loves them for being in this process (15:9-10).
   f) They love Christ so much they will allow Him to be Lord (14:14).
   g) It is fruit because:
      • The evidence of an inward transformation is coming out.
      • Because of this process the disciples will produce good results (Romans 7:4; 6:21; Eph. 5:11).
      • The attributes of Christ are consistently displayed (Gal. 5:19-21).
5. The fruit continuously is in a state of steadfast obedience to God.
6. At this point in the relationship we can pray as if we are in equal footing with God.
7. Name signifies:
   a) The character and purposes of Christ is the same as God.
   b) Under Christ power and authority.
   c) It refers to all that is true of God’s glory.
8. A permanent possession that is set in place by God to yield fruit.
9. We must make it a habit to follow God’s principles as a general rule.
10. At this point in our relationship with Christ’s principles should become a general rule (Matthew 22:36-40).
11. To direct one’s self will be to demonstrate compassion, affection and a willingness to sacrifice one’s self for others as directed by the Holy Spirit (1 John 3:18).