

large number of people. (2) Pleasure: Again, a few are sufficient, just like a pinch of seasoning in our food. (3) Goodness: Because of the requirements of time and intimacy, there is a limit. Generally, a small circle of intimate friends is sufficient. In this case, less is more.

As we make use of today's Internet technology, let us not mistake the "virtual friend" for the genuine article. Although we may find it helpful to use social media sites to network with others for reasons of job or career or to use those sites as a convenient and efficient way of staying in touch with family and other acquaintances ... if we are looking for something of value, something timeless, something more precious than any gift, then ... in the end ... all we need is a few good friends.

