

# Friendship by Aristotle



**'What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.'**

— Aristotle

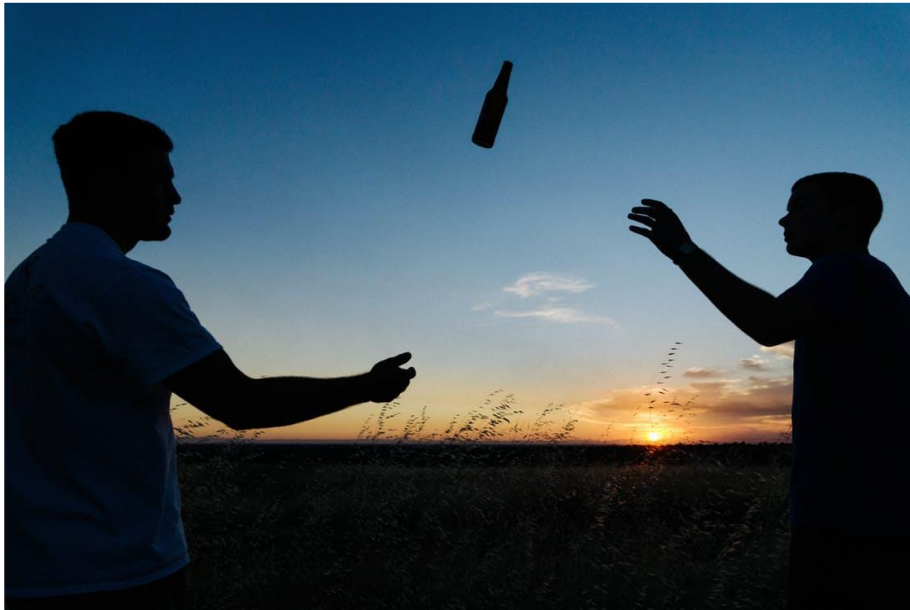
Being a devoted philosopher, Aristotle had put a lot of thought into any subject of life he touched, and of course he couldn't miss such a big part of life as friendship.



He devoted 1/10 of his work to find out, what relationships can really be called friendship, and in result he divided it into three kinds.



The first one is **Friendship of utility**:  
exists between you and someone who is useful  
to you in some way.

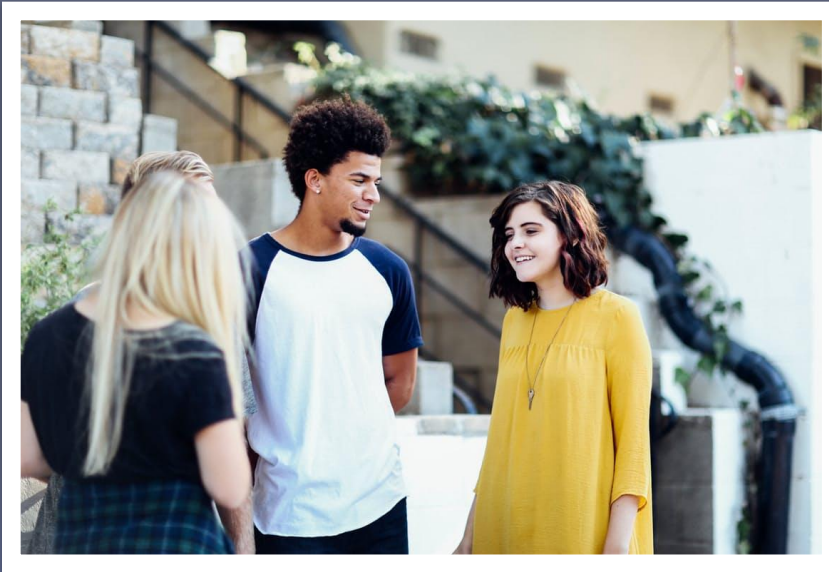




The second one is **Friendship of pleasure**: exists between you and those whose company you enjoy.



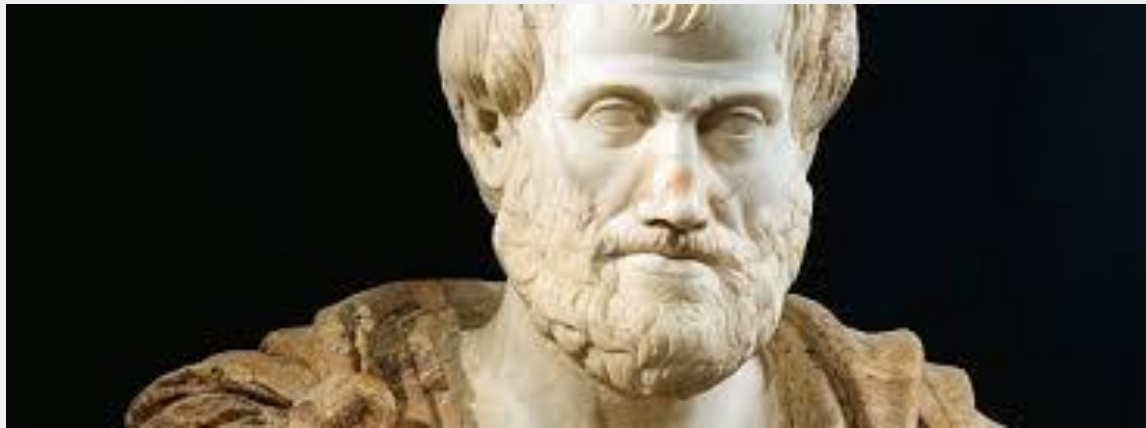
And the final one is **Friendship of the good**:  
it is based on mutual respect and admiration.





So Aristotle told us that there are few ways in which we contact with each other, and each one of them makes our lives easier. But it doesn't mean that we should try and get as many friendships as we can. After all...





He who hath many friends  
hath none.

Aristotle