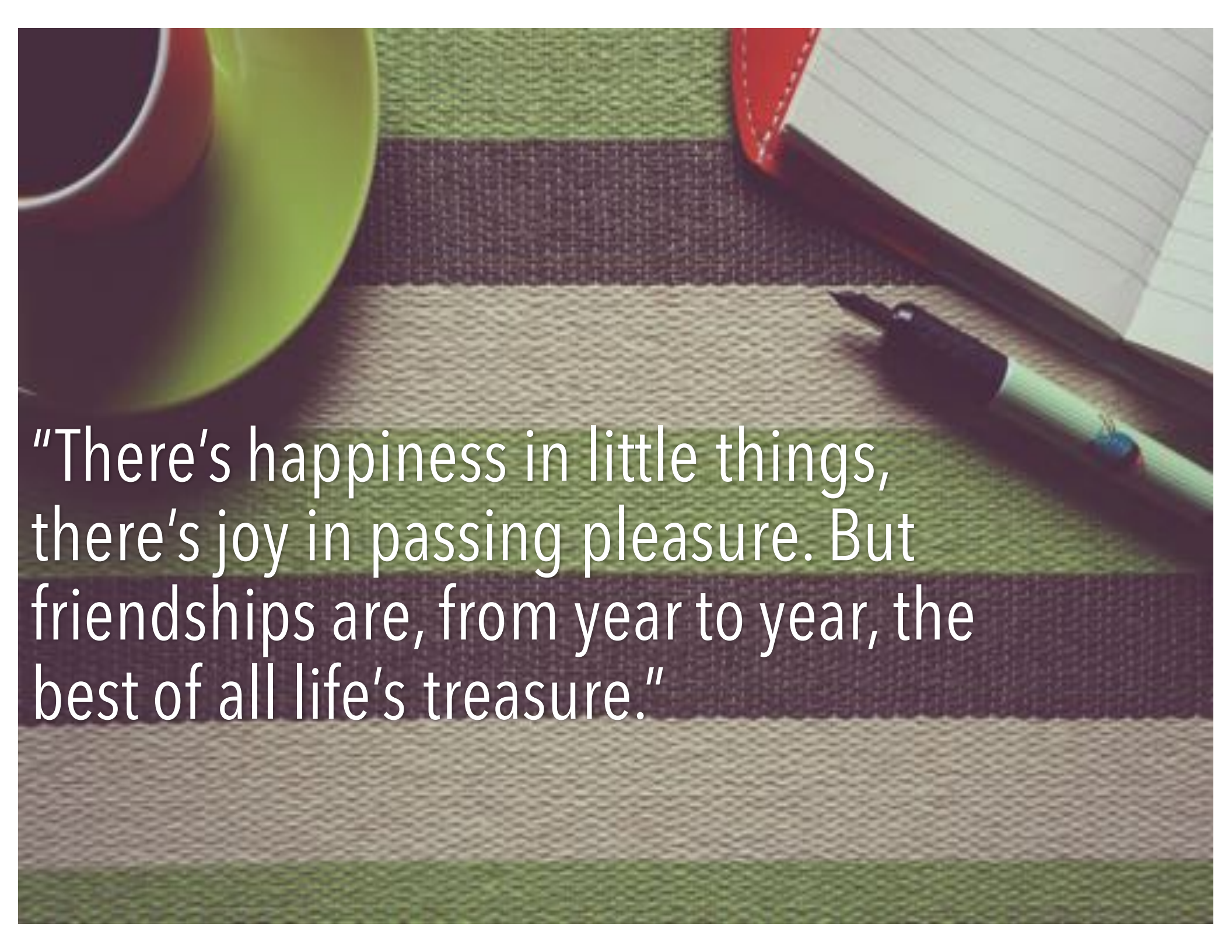


A top-down view of a desk setup. On the left is a green cup on a matching saucer. In the top right is a red notebook with white pages. A black and green pen lies diagonally across the center. The desk surface is covered with a mat featuring horizontal stripes in green, dark brown, and light beige. The word "FRIENDSHIP" is written in large, white, outlined capital letters across the middle of the image.

FRIENDSHIP

A close-up photograph of a desk. On the left, a green cup is partially visible. In the center, a red pen lies horizontally. To the right, a notebook with lined pages is open. A black pen with a green cap is positioned diagonally in the lower right. The desk surface is covered with a green and brown striped fabric.

"There's happiness in little things,
there's joy in passing pleasure. But
friendships are, from year to year, the
best of all life's treasure."

IT MUST START WITH LOVE

- "We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).
- "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (4:7).
- "If God so loved us, we also to love one another" (4:11).
- "By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).
- While this might sound like a flowery approach to take, real love is choosing to care about somebody even if you are not initially driven by affection.



ARE YOU
TRUSTWORTHY?

A close-up photograph of a desk setup. In the top left, a green cup sits on a dark red saucer. To the right, a red notebook with white pages is open. A black pen with a green and blue accent lies on a light-colored, textured mat. The mat is placed on a surface with horizontal stripes in green, dark brown, and light beige. The text "GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER" is overlaid in white, outlined, uppercase letters across the center of the image.

GETTING TO KNOW
EACH OTHER

PRACTICAL TIPS ON MAKING FRIENDS

- Ask about somebody's "life story" – hometown, career, hobbies, etc. People love being interviewed!
- Be helpful and available (Galatians 5:13).
- Dig deeper into what makes a fellow Christian strong – who influenced them, circumstances of conversion, etc.
- Cut out the excuses!
- Be accessible.
- Do not be afraid to be proactive.
- Be careful not to present yourself as one-dimensional or a perpetual victim. Pity is a terrible foundation for friendship.

A close-up photograph of a desk setup. On the left, a portion of a bright green cup is visible. In the upper right, a red notebook with white pages is open. A black pen with a green barrel lies horizontally across the center of the desk. The desk surface is covered with a fabric that has horizontal stripes in shades of green, brown, and beige. The text "ASSUMING THE BEST ABOUT EACH OTHER" is overlaid in white, uppercase, sans-serif font across the middle of the image.

ASSUMING THE BEST
ABOUT EACH OTHER

A close-up photograph of a desk setup. On the left, a green cup sits on a matching saucer. In the top right, a red pen is tucked under an open notebook with lined pages. A black and green pen lies horizontally across the center of the desk. The desk surface is covered with a green and brown striped fabric. The text "FIBERS OF FRIENDSHIP" is overlaid in white, outlined, serif font.

FIBERS OF
FRIENDSHIP