

God's Wisdom: More Valuable Than Gold

“Be Wise About Friendship”

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Proverbs 13:20

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- A. After the introduction in Proverbs 1, can you guess what the very next subject that Solomon addressed? Answer: _____
- B. There's an old saying that says you can _____ a man by the _____ he keeps.
- C. Today's world is confused about a lot of things, and the _____ of true _____ is certainly one of them.
- D. Proverbs 17:17 says: A friend _____ at all _____, and a brother is born for adversity.
- E. Naturally, there can be different _____ of _____.
- F. Proverbs 18:24 warns us that not everyone who _____ as our “friend” really is our friend.
- G. Proverbs 27:5-6 takes it a bit further by pointing out that true friends are faithful enough that they will _____ the _____ to us, even if it _____.
- H. Proverbs 27:9 adds: Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the _____ of a friend comes from his earnest _____.
- I. At the same time that Proverbs gives advice about the friends we choose, it also encourages us to _____ the _____ that others need us to be. (27:10)
- J. Proverbs cautions us to choose as close friends only those people who will have a _____ on us.
- K. In Proverbs 1:8-19, Solomon pleads with his son to _____ people who try to influence him to _____ he shouldn't go and _____ he shouldn't do.
- L. Proverbs 23:19-21 warns not so much against those who participate in _____ activity as those who engage in activities that are worthless and _____.
- M. Another category of those to avoid that isn't mentioned specifically in Proverbs is people who would intentionally try to _____ your _____. (1 Cor. 15:33-34)
- N. Proverbs 13:20 says: The one who walks with the _____ will become _____, but a companion of _____ will suffer _____. (similar Prov. 14:7)
- O. An excellent Old Testament example of this principle is found in _____ and has to do with King _____.
1. Rehoboam refused to listen to _____ people and chose to follow the advice of his _____ which led to disaster.
- P. In the movie *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*, Dr. Jones must _____.
- Q. We will have many opportunities in life to _____ who will lift us up and help us become a better person or those who will turn our lives in directions that neither we nor God want it to go.

Answer Key: A. Friendship. B. judge, company. C. meaning, friendship. D. loves, times. E. levels, friendship. F. self-identifies. G. speak, truth, hurts. H. sweetness, counsel. I. be, friend. J. Positive, impact. K. go, places, do, things. L. criminal, unproductive. M. Destroy, faith. N. wise, wise, fools, harm. O. 1 Kings 12, Rehoboam. O.1. wise, foolish, friends. P. choose, wisely. Q. choose, friends.