

SUMMER 2025

PROVERBS

FINDING WISDOM IN CHRIST



CENTER CITY CHURCH

“The desire for friendship comes quickly.
Friendship does not.”
– Aristotle

“Thankfully, the book of Proverbs says a lot about friendship. It won’t help you find friends, at least not directly. But Proverbs will help you be a better friend. And the best friends usually have the best friends.”

— Kevin DeYoung

Friendship in Proverbs

- 1 True Friends Stick Close to Each Other
- 2 True Friends are Faithful to Each Other
- 3 Our Truest Friend Helps us to be a True Friend

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“Friendship should be more like a submarine, holding few and going deep. But we’ve made it like a cruise ship filled with lots of nice people whom we don’t know well at all.”

– Drew Hunter

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“This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joys.”
– JC Ryle

1. True Friends Stick Close to Each Other

1 Samuel 18:1

The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

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Proverbs 17:17

A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.

2. True Friends are Faithful to Each Other

Proverbs 20:6

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but a faithful man who can find?

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2 Timothy 4:16-17

At my first defense no one came to stand by me. May it not be charged against them. But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.

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John 13:1

...having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.

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3. Our Truest Friend Helps Us to be a True Friend

“But if we are to grasp the gospel message at the heart of Christian friendship, we need to grasp the insufficiency of every friendship we will ever have before we meet with Jesus face-to-face.”

– Rebecca McLaughlin

3. Our Truest Friend Helps Us to be a True Friend

“If all men knew what others say of them, there would not be four friends in the world.”

-Blaise Pascal

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John 15:13-15 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

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