

A PROVERBS GUIDE TO FRIENDSHIP

(Selected Proverbs)

Central Idea: *The wise person is always in the challenging business of building quality friendships.*

Facts about Friendship ...

I. For Examples of Friendship ... Look No Further than the Bible

- Moses and
- David and
- Ruth and
- Elijah and
- Paul and
- Jesus and
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II. For Lessons on Friendship ... Consider the Wisdom of Proverbs

1. Friends should be chosen carefully

2. True friends are loyal

3. True friends are honest

4. True friends give wise counsel

5. True friends are fun to be around

III. For Becoming the Kind of Friend We All Want to Be ... Apply the Principles of Scripture

1. Presence

2. Listen

3. Empathize

4. Gracious

FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

1. We live in a world in which people have many acquaintances but few friends. Why do you think this is true?
2. Proverbs 25.20 and 27.6 both speak of pain which one friend can bring to another, but what is the difference between them?
3. Think from your own experience of how you sharpened another person, or someone sharpened you. What were the characteristics of that relationship?
4. What qualities do you value most in a friend and why?
5. How would others describe you as a friend?

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