



The Mind of Christ in the Book of Proverbs
Session 9: *The Friend*
Proverbs 18:24

*A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Biblical "Levels" of Friendship — neighbor, companion,
friend, brother, "souls knit together" (1 Sam 18:1)

Four Qualities of Friendship:

THE FRIEND IS L _____.
(14:20; 19:4, 6-7; 17:17; Titus 3:10)

THE FRIEND IS F _____.
(29:5; 28:23; 27:6, 9, 17)

THE FRIEND IS T _____.
(25:17; 27:14; 25:20)

THE FRIEND IS V _____.
(16:28; 17:9)

APPLICATION:

- **ASSESS** Your Friends.
- **BE** a Good Friend.

HOMEWORK:

- **READ and MEDITATE ON** Proverbs 10:31
- **THINK (and journal) about...** your normal "way" of talking: is it sarcastic, insulting, pessimistic, cynical? Do you often say things you regret because you are trying to be funny? Does it feel unnatural and take great effort to say encouraging and uplifting things to people?