



What Does Wisdom Say? Part 2 Friendstruction

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A Friend - A person who is attached and committed to another through affection _____, trust, sacrifice _____, and goodwill.

FRIEND FACTS

- **Good friends are hard to _____.** Prov 20:6 *Most men will proclaim each his own _____, but who can _____ a faithful man?*

Therefore, look _____.

- **We all _____ friends.** Eccl 4:9-10 *Two are better than _____, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his _____. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up.*

Therefore, do not isolate yourself.

- **Choose friends _____.** Prov 12:26 *The righteous should choose his friends _____, for the way of the wicked leads them _____.*

Therefore, be _____.

- **Bad friends will _____ you.** Prov 13:20 *He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be _____.*

Therefore, _____.

WISE FRIENDSTRUCTION

1. Good friends are _____. Prov 27:17 *As iron _____ iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his _____.*

True friends will bring out _____ and help sharpen your skills, your faith, your spiritual and natural gifts, etc.

Therefore, get _____.

2. Good friends are _____. True friendships can _____.
Prov 27:6 *Faithful are the _____ of a friend, but the kisses of an _____ are deceitful.*

It is a true friend's _____ to be truthful, even if it _____. It is important and _____ to speak the truth in _____. Eph 4:15-16

Therefore, avoid "yes" men.

3. Good friends are _____, especially in hard times.
Prov 17:17 *A friend loves at _____ times, and a brother is born for _____.*

Therefore, be _____.

4. Good friends are _____. Prov 18:24 *A man who has friends must himself be _____ but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Therefore, put _____ into your relationships.

JESUS WAS THE GREATEST FRIEND. John 15:12-16

Jesus is friendly - He laid down his life for us. vs 13

Jesus is challenging - He demands obedience. vs 14

Jesus is faithful - He continues to guide us. vs 15

**ONCE YOU CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS,
YOU ALSO _____ YOUR ENEMIES.**

James 4:3-5 *Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

CHOOSE THIS DAY THE ULTIMATE FRIEND