



## 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 find \_\_\_\_\_.** Prov 20:6 *Most men will proclaim each his own goodness \_\_\_\_\_, but who can find a faithful man?*

Therefore, look carefully \_\_\_\_\_.

- **We all need \_\_\_\_\_ friends.** Eccl 4:9-10 *Two are better than one \_\_\_\_\_, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion \_\_\_\_\_.* 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 carefully \_\_\_\_\_.** Prov 12:26 *The righteous should choose his friends carefully \_\_\_\_\_, for the way of the wicked leads them astray \_\_\_\_\_.*

Therefore, be picky \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Therefore, upscale \_\_\_\_\_.

### WISE FRIENDSTRUCTION

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

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

Therefore, get accountability \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Good friends are honest \_\_\_\_\_. True friendships can hurt \_\_\_\_\_.  
Prov 27:6 *Faithful are the wounds \_\_\_\_\_ of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy \_\_\_\_\_ are deceitful.*

It is a true friend's duty \_\_\_\_\_ to be truthful, even if it hurts \_\_\_\_\_. It is important and biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the truth in love \_\_\_\_\_. Eph 4:15-16

Therefore, avoid "yes" men.

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

Therefore, be faithful \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Therefore, put effort \_\_\_\_\_ 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 IDENTIFY \_\_\_\_\_ 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