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Wisdom in a Broken World

A Brief Series in Proverbs



**Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel.**

(Polonius in Hamlet)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.³⁸ This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹ The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.”

Matthew 22:37-40

Don't plan any harm against your neighbor, for he trusts you and lives near you.

Proverbs 3:29

**The one who loves a pure heart and gracious lips—
the king is his friend.**

Proverbs 22:11

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Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

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Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house; otherwise, he'll get sick of you and hate you.

Proverbs 25:17

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If one blesses his neighbor with a loud voice early in the morning, it will be counted as a curse to him.

Proverbs 27:14

²⁷When it is in your power, don't withhold good from the one to whom it belongs.

²⁸Don't say to your neighbor, "Go away! Come back later. I'll give it tomorrow"—when it is there with you.

²⁹Don't plan any harm against your neighbor, for he trusts you and lives near you.

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We cannot do the impossible. We cannot give what we do not have. But when it is in our power to do it, when we have it with us, wisdom says, “Give it away.”

-Ray Ortlund, Jr

You desire and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and wage war. You do not have because you do not ask.

James 4:2

Many a person proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy person?

Proverbs 20:6

Don't abandon your friend or your father's friend, and don't go to your brother's house in your time of calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

Proverbs 27:10

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A gossip goes around revealing a secret, but a trustworthy person keeps a confidence.

Proverbs 11:13

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Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God.

James 4:4

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

Proverbs 17:17

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A lying tongue hates those it crushes, and a flattering mouth causes ruin.

Proverbs 26:28

A person who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.

Proverbs 29:5

One without sense enters an agreement and puts up security for his friend.

Proverbs 17:18

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The wounds of a friend are trustworthy,

Proverbs 27:6

**Oil and incense bring joy to the heart, and the
sweetness of a friend is better than self-counsel.**

Proverbs 27:9

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Listen to counsel and receive instruction so that you may be wise later in life.

Proverbs 19:20

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**Whoever conceals an offense promotes love, but
whoever gossips about it separates friends.**

Proverbs 17:9

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

²⁵Then an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the law?” he asked him. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” and “your neighbor as yourself.”

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²⁸“You've answered correctly,” he told him. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:25-29