

Questions

1. Think about a brother or sister in Christ with whom you have had a long and meaningful friendship. What are some of the ways that person has demonstrated friendship to you? Take a few moments and thank God for that friendship.
2. Do you ever struggle to pursue new friendships or neighbors? Is there someone that you can begin to pray about, asking God to help you take the initiative to pursue?
3. Read Proverbs 25:17 and 27:14. In what ways might we overtax a friend who wants to provide help?
4. Is there someone that you can seek to do good for this week?
5. Read Proverbs 27:10. Is there a former friend that you can seek to rebuild a friendship with? Pray about that person this week.
6. Read Proverbs 11:13. A trustworthy friend strives to put a lid on evil or dishonest talk. Can you think of a time when you did that, or a missed opportunity when you did not?
7. Read Proverbs 26:28 and 29:5. What is flattery and what does it lead to?
8. Read Proverbs 27:6. Can you think of a time that a faithful friend spoke needed correction into your life? Have you done that for someone else?

*Need prayer?
Someone will be up front by the piano
to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

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Wisdom in a Broken World

A Brief Series in Proverbs

Wise Friendships

Various Proverbs

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Jesus commands us to love our neighbors and the New Testament gives us multiple one-another instructions. Those truths make friendship a matter of great importance to followers of Jesus, and the book of Proverbs has much to say about being a godly friend and neighbor.

Four "Be-this-and-not-that" statements about friendship

1. Be needy, and not burdensome.

2. Be good, and never evil.

4. Be loving, and not foolish.

3. Be trustworthy, and not unrighteous.