

Sermon Notes

Walking with the Wise - Friendship in Proverbs

(Texts are taken from the NIV translation)

“That’s what friends are for” - Learn to choose your friends wisely

Proverbs 12:26

The righteous choose their friends carefully,
but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 18:24

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

“Ain’t no friend of mine” - Learn not to choose your friends badly

Proverbs 16:28

A perverse person stirs up conflict,
and a gossip separates close friends.

Proverbs 19:4

Wealth attracts many friends,
but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.

Proverbs 22:24-25

Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person,
do not associate with one easily angered,
or you may learn their ways
and get yourself ensnared.

“You got a friend in me” - Learn how to be a great friend

Proverbs 17:9

Whoever would foster love covers over an offence,
but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 17:17

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

Proverbs 22:11

One who loves a pure heart and who speaks with grace
will have the king for a friend.

Proverbs 27:6

Wounds from a friend can be trusted,
but an enemy multiplies kisses.

Proverbs 27:9

Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,
and the pleasantness of a friend
springs from their heartfelt advice.

Proverbs 27:10

Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family,
and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—
better a neighbour nearby than a relative far away.