

# Wisdom in Friendships

Proverbs

## **BIG Idea: Wisdom in friendship speaks to us three critical things:**

### **A. Wisdom says...\_\_\_\_\_**

Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother

Proverbs 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

*"Friendship arises out of mere companionship when two or more of the companions discover that they have in common some insight or interest or even taste which the others do not share and which, till that moment, each believed to be his own unique treasure (or burden). The typical expression of opening friendship would be something like, "What? You too? I thought I was the only one." — C.S. Lewis*

Proverbs 20:5 The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

Proverbs 25:17 Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

### **B. Wisdom says...\_\_\_\_\_**

Proverbs 13: 20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Proverbs 12:26 One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 19:4 Wealth brings man new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend...6 Many seek the favor of a generous man, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, 25 lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

Proverbs 16:29 A man of violence entices his neighbor and leads him in a way that is not good.

Proverbs 26:18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, 'I am only joking!'

### **C. Wisdom says...\_\_\_\_\_**

#### **1. A friend knows and is there**

Proverbs 27:14 Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.

Proverbs 25:20 Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day

Proverbs 17:17 A friend love at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

## **2. A friend respects and protects**

Prov. 16:28 A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

## **3. A friend gives counsel and correction**

Proverbs 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

Proverbs 27:5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 12:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another

## **4. A friend knows when to overlook and be silent on a matter**

Proverbs 17:9 Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

Proverbs 11:12 Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense, but a man of understanding remains silent.

Proverbs 24:29 Do not say, 'I will do to him as he has done to me; I will pay the man back for what he has done.'

I Peter 4: 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

## **5. A friend goes directly to a friend when there is a problem to be worked out**

Proverbs 25:9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, 10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

## **6. A friend is faithful and steadfast in love**

Proverbs 20:6 Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love, but a faithful man who can find?

John 15: 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.