

The Path of Wise Friendships

Ps. 133:1 “Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!”

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

Prov. 13:20 “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

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

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

Prov. 17:17 “A friend loves at all times, and a brother was born for adversity.”

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

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

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

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

Prov. 27: 9-10 “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel. Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.”

Prov. 27:17 “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Eccl. 4:9-12 “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Rom. 12:9-13 “Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

John 15:12-17 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

1 Cor. 15:33 “Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

Gal. 6:2 “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

Col. 3:13 “bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.”

1 Thes. 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

1 Peter 4:8-10 “Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace”

1 John 4:11 “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”