

CHOOSE FRIENDS WISELY

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..."
Genesis 1:26a

Biblical image of friendship: "the _____ of souls"

"As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." 1 Samuel 18:1, ESV

Definition of friendship:

- TRUSTWORTHY
- PEER
- MUTUALLY CHOOSE
- SPECIAL ACCESS
- MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
- TO HONOR GOD

*"He who walks with the wise grows wise,
but a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20*

TYPES OF FRIENDS

FRIENDS

“Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man’s friend deserts him.” Pr 19:4

“Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.” Pr 19:6

FRIENDS

“A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.” Pr 16:28

“He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.” Pr 17:9

“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.” Pr 22:24–25

FRIENDS

“Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house— too much of you, and he will hate you.” Pr 25:17

“Like a bad tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in times of trouble.” Pr 25:19

“Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” Pr 25:20

FRIENDS

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

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

FRIENDS

“Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.” Pr 27:6

“Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of one’s friend springs from his earnest counsel.” Pr 27:9

CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS WISELY

1. How has Jesus been a real friend to you?
2. How can you be a better friend? To whom?
3. Whom (if anyone) would you consider a good friend?
4. With whom do you need to no longer be friends? Whom do you need to pursue more intentionally?