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wisdom and friends



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God's Wisdom for Your Life

SCRIPTURE READING

*Proverbs 9:10, 12:25, 13:20, 18:24,
19:4, 22:24-25, 25:20, 26:18-19,
27:5-6, 27:9, 27:17*

John 15:13

PREACHING TODAY

James Forsyth, Senior Pastor

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Proverbs 9:10

*Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down,
but a good word makes him glad.*

Proverbs 12:25

*Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

Proverbs 13:20

*A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

Proverbs 18:24

*Wealth brings many new friends,
but a poor man is deserted by his friend.*

Proverbs 19:4

*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.*

Proverbs 22:24-25

*Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart is like one who
takes off a garment on a cold day...*

Proverbs 25:20

*Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and
death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says,
“I am only joking!”*

Proverbs 26:18-19

*Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful
are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the
kisses of an enemy.*

Proverbs 27:5-6

*Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the
sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.*

Proverbs 27:9

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay
down his life for his friends.*

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**DID YOU HAVE A BEST FRIEND
GROWING UP?**





15%

**OF MEN HAVE NO
CLOSE FRIENDS**

Survey Center on American Life, 2021

1 in 2



**ADULTS REPORT
LONELINESS**

U.S. Surgeon General, 2023



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WHAT A TRUE FRIEND LOOKS LIKE



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*“The unpayable debt that I owe to him was
not ‘influence’ as it is ordinarily
understood, but sheer encouragement.”*

— J. R. R. TOLKIEN, ON C. S. LEWIS

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“Our various family backgrounds left every one of us at least a little weird. So we need an honest friend from outside the tightly knit family to round us out.”

— Ray Ortlund

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John 15:13-15



WHERE FRIENDSHIP CAN BEGIN



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