

# Proverbs - Be a Wise Guy for God

## Win Friends and Influence People

### Week 5

*There a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24*

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All in the Family - Review

Spouses of Noble Character are God's blessings to the righteous  
Strengths of Noble Character result from Fear of the Lord  
Quarrelsome and disgraceful spouses are God's punishment to the wicked  
Adultery can be enticing but extremely dangerous and leads to God's wrath

Children of faithful parents are richly blessed  
Parents are to train their children and use discipline when needed  
Children are to listen to their parents and follow their instruction  
Disobedient and foolish children bring grief to their parents

Making Friends

What is one way to make friends?

Proverbs 14:20 = *The rich have many friends*

Proverbs 19:4 = *Wealth brings many friends*

What are other ways people try to make friends?

Proverbs 29:5-6 = Flattery

Proverbs 18:16 = Gifts - *A gift opens the way for the giver*

Proverbs 17:8 = Bribes - *A bribe is a charm to the one who gives it*

Proverbs 25:6-7 = Impress, brag

Proverbs 11:15 (6:1-5; 17:18; 22:26-27) = Take responsibility for others' debts or problems

What is wrong with friends who are made these ways?

Proverbs 18:24 = *May come to ruin - but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother*

How do we find the friend that sticks closer than a brother?

Proverbs 12:26 = Choose your friends carefully

How common is a faithful friend?

Proverbs 20:6 = Very difficult to find

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### Friends to Avoid

When looking for a good friend, whom should we avoid and why?

Proverbs 20:19 = A gossip - Will betray a trust

Proverbs 22:24-25 (19:19) = Hot tempered, easily angered - *you may learn his ways*

Proverbs 23:6-8 = Stingy - *His heart is not with you*, Concerned with cost over relationship

Proverbs 23:9 = A fool - He will ridicule your advice and ideas

Proverbs 23:20-21 = Drunkards and gluttons - Become poor and lazy

What are some character traits that are undesirable in a friend? = List on board on left

Proverbs 13:10 = Pride

Proverbs 15:18 = Temper

Proverbs 16:28 = Gossip

Proverbs 16:29 = Violent

Proverbs 18:1 = Selfish

Proverbs 25:19 = Unfaithful, undependable

Proverbs 25:20 = Unsympathetic

Proverbs 26:12 = Conceited

Proverbs 26:15 = Lazy

Proverbs 26:18-19 = Deceitful - Then says he was joking when caught

Proverbs 26:21 = Quarrelsome

### Good Friends

What are some qualities of a good friend? = List on board to right of undesirable traits

Proverbs 11:13 = Trustworthy - Keeps a secret

Proverbs 12:25 = Encouraging - Kind words

Proverbs 17:9 = Forgiving - Lets bygones be bygones, Doesn't slander

Proverbs 17:17 = Loving - At all times, even during trouble

Proverbs 17:22 = Cheerful

Proverbs 19:11 = Patient - Overlooks offenses

Proverbs 20:3 = Peaceful - Avoids strife

Proverbs 22:11 = Pure heart, gracious speech

Proverbs 27:9 = Earnest counsel - Sincerely wants to help

Proverbs 27:10 = Helpful during times of trouble

How do we keep a friendship strong?

Proverbs 3:27 = Do good whenever you are able

Proverbs 3:28 = Give as soon as possible, don't procrastinate

Proverbs 3:29 = Don't plot harm, be trustworthy

Proverbs 3:30 (24:28) = Don't accuse falsely

Proverbs 3:31-32 = Avoid violence and persecution

Proverbs 17:14 = Stop arguments before they grow

Proverbs 25:17 = Don't over-extend your welcome

What place does rebuke have in a true friendship?

Proverbs 28:23 = Can help your friend and friendship grow

Proverbs 27:6 = *Wounds from a friend can be trusted*

Proverbs 27:17 = *As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another*

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### Reputation

In dealing with others, how valuable is a good name?

Proverbs 22:1 = *More desirable than great riches*

How do we get and keep a good name?

Proverbs 3:3-4 = *Let love and faithfulness never leave you*

Proverbs 25:9-10 = Don't betray a confidence

### Enemies

How are we to respond to our enemies?

Proverbs 20:22 (24:29) = Leave vengeance to the Lord

Proverbs 24:17-18 = Don't celebrate when your enemy suffers

Proverbs 25:21-22 = Help your enemy when he is in need

What happens to our enemies when we are right with God?

Proverbs 16:7 = They will live at peace with us

### Others

What are some other things to remember when dealing with others?

Proverbs 26:17 = Don't get involved in quarrels that are not yours

Proverbs 21:13 = Don't ignore the needs of others

Proverbs 31:8-9 = *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves*, Support those in need

Proverbs 25:11 (16:24; 12:18; 15:1, 4; 17:27) = Be careful to speak kind words

Proverbs 26:20 (26:22) = Don't gossip

Proverbs 17:28 (10:19; 18:2, 13; 15:28) = Hold your tongue, Don't shoot off your mouth

### Jesus' Parables from Proverbs

Proverbs 17:14 = Drop arguments before they grow

Proverbs 29:13 = God gives sight to poor & oppressor

Proverbs 20:6 = Many claim righteousness

Proverbs 21:13 = Ignore needs, God ignores yours

Proverbs 23:9 = Don't give wisdom to fools

Proverbs 10:25 = Righteous stand firm in storm

Proverbs 2:4 = God's wisdom is valuable treasure

Proverbs 14:31 = Care for the needy and honor God

Proverbs 19:17 = Do for others and you do for the Lord

Matthew 5:25 = Settle disputes quickly

Matthew 5:45 = God gives sun & rain on good & evil

Matthew 6:1 = Don't do acts of righteousness to win praise

Matthew 6:15 = Don't forgive & God won't forgive you

Matthew 7:6 = Don't give sacred/important things to dogs

Matthew 7:24-27 = Wise man builds on secure rock

Matthew 13:44 = Kingdom of heaven is valuable treasure

Matthew 25:37-40 = Care for needy & you care for Christ

Matthew 26:40 = Whatever you do for others you do for Me

Proverbial Quiz (page 4) = Go over answers

### Closing Prayer

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### Proverbial Quiz

#### 1. Match the two Bible Proverb halves in each grouping:

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| 1. As iron sharpens iron, so                                  | a. when it is in your power to act. (3:27)                   |
| 2. He who despises his neighbor sins, but                     | b. a kind word cheers him up. (12:25)                        |
| 3. Do not withhold good from those who deserve it,            | c. blessed is he who is kind to the needy. (14:21)           |
| 4. An anxious heart weighs a man down, but                    | d. one man sharpens another. (27:17)                         |
| = 1d, 2c, 3a, 4b  |  |
| 5. Hatred stirs up dissension,                                | e. who lives trustfully near you. (3:29)                     |
| 6. A quick-tempered man does foolish things,                  | f. but love covers over all wrongs. (10:12)                  |
| 7. Do not plot harm against your neighbor,                    | g. and a crafty man is hated. (14:17)                        |
| = 5f, 6g, 7e  |  |
| 8. A gossip betrays a confidence,                             | h. when he has done you no harm. (3:30)                      |
| 9. Better is open rebuke                                      | i. but a trustworthy man keeps a secret. (11:13)             |
| 10. Do not accuse a man for no reason                         | j. without gossip a quarrel dies down. (26:20)               |
| 11. Without wood a fire goes out;                             | k. than hidden love. (27:5)                                  |
| = 8i, 9k, 10h, 11j  |  |
| 12. Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father, | l. the rich have many friends. (14:20)                       |
| 13. A good name is more desirable than great riches;          | m. someone else, and not your own lips. (27:2)               |
| 14. Let another praise you, and not your own mouth;           | n. better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away. (27:10) |
| 15. The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but         | o. to be esteemed is better than silver or gold. (22:1)      |
| = 12n, 13o, 14m, 15l  |  |

#### 2. Fill in the blanks of these English proverbs:

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link  
A friend in need is a friend indeed  
A leopard cannot change its spots  
A person is known by the company he keeps  
A spoonful of honey will catch more flies  
than a gallon of vinegar

All's fair in love and war  
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder  
Birds of a feather flock together  
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you  
Don't burn your bridges behind you

Familiarity breeds contempt  
Finders keepers, losers weepers  
Fish and guests smell after three days  
Flattery will get you nowhere  
If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery  
Laugh and the world laughs with you,  
weep and you weep alone  
No man is an island  
Out of sight, out of mind  
Speak softly but carry a big stick

There's always more fish in the sea  
Two heads are better than one  
When in Rome do as the Romans do  
You can lead a horse to water,  
but you can't make him drink