

A What is a friend?

Prov. 17:17 A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is 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. 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

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

10 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.

B Warnings regarding friendships

Prov. 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.

26 Be not one of those who give pledges,
who put up security for debts.

27 If you have nothing with which to pay,
why should your bed be taken from under you?

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

18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.

19 Trusting in a treacherous man in time of trouble
is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.

Prov. 11:13 Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.

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

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