

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.