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Friendship

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Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,

and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

- **Relationship Red Flags**
- **Characteristics of a Godly Relationship**

Relationship Red Flags

- **The Isolationist**

Proverbs 18:1

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;

he breaks out against all sound judgment.

Relationship Red Flags

- The Isolationist
- **The person surrounded by “Yes Friends”**

Proverbs 18:2

*A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion.*

Proverbs 18:24

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

Relationship Red Flags

- The Isolationist
- The person surrounded by “Yes Friends”
- **The smartest person in the room**

Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but the wise man listens to advise.

Proverbs 13:10

*By insolence comes nothing but strife,
but with those who take advice is wisdom.*

Proverbs 10:8

*The wise of heart will receive commandments,
but a babbling fool will come to ruin.*

Proverbs 10:17

*Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,
but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.*

People who will bring you down:

- **The Gossip**

Proverbs 17:9

*Whoever covers an offense seeks love,
but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.*

People who will bring you down:

- The Gossip
- **The Angry Person**

Proverbs 22:24-25

*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*

People who will bring you down:

- The Gossip
- The Angry Person
- **The Pleasure Seeker**

Proverbs 28:7

*The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding,
but a companion of gluttons shames his father.*

Proverbs 29:24

*The partner of a thief hates his own life;
he hears the curse, but discloses nothing.*

People who will build you up

- **A person who sticks through the good and bad.**

Proverbs 17:17

*A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.*

People who will build you up

- A person who understands biblical friendship
- **A person who sharpens your character**

Proverbs 27:17

*Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.*

People who will build you up

- A person who understands biblical friendship
- A person who sharpens your character
- **A person who will tell you what you don't want to hear**

Proverbs 27:5-6

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

Proverbs 28:23

Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.

Proverbs 9:8-9

Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.

Proverbs 25:12-13

Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reproof to a listening ear.

Proverbs 15:31-32

The ear that listens to life-giving reproof will dwell among the wise. Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.

People who will build you up

- A person who understands biblical friendship
- A person who sharpens your character
- A person who will tell you what you don't want to hear
- **A person who will listen to both sides of the story**

Proverbs 18:13

If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame

Proverbs 18:17

*The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him.*

People who will build you up

- A person who understands biblical friendship
- A person who sharpens your character
- A person who will tell you what you don't want to hear
- A person who will listen to both sides of the story
- **A person who will give you godly counsel**

Proverbs 14:7-9

*Leave the presence of a fool,
for there you do not meet words of knowledge.
The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way,
but the folly of fools is deceiving.*

Proverbs 19:20-21

*Listen to advice and accept instruction,
that you may gain wisdom in the future.
Many are the plans in the mind of a man,
but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*

Proverbs 27:9-10

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

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

-African Proverb

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.