

WISDOM

CHEAT SHEETS

This selection from the Book of Proverbs explores the theme of friendship. Notice the difference between wise friends and foolish friends, on being a wise friend, and having wise friends.

18:24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

11:1 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

11:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

12:26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

13:10 Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.

14:18 Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

13: 20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

15:32 Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.

16:28 A perverse person stirs up conflict, and gossip separates close friends.

17:10 Those who disregard discipline despise themselves, but the one who heeds correction gains understanding.

17:17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

18:1 An unfriendly person pursues selfish ends and against all sound judgment starts quarrels.

18:30 Blows and wounds scrub away evil, and beatings purge the inmost

19:4 Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.

19: 6 Many curry favour with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts.

22:24-25 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared.,

27:6 Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

27:9 Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.

27:10 Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you— better a neighbour nearby than a relative far away.

27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

25:17 Seldom set foot in your neighbour's house – too much of you, and he will hate you.

25:20 Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings to a heavy heart.

27:14 If a man loudly blesses his neighbour early in the morning, it will be taken as a curse.

27:5-6 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

29:5 Those who flatter their neighbours are spreading nets for their feet.

17:9 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.

In John 15 Jesus says this,

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”