



Proverbs on FRIENDSHIP

My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them. If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for someone's blood, let's waylay some harmless soul; let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; throw in your lot with us, and we will share a common purse" - my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; for their feet rush into sin, they are swift to shed blood. 1:10-16 Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back later; I'll give it tomorrow" - when you now have it with you. Do not plot harm against your neighbor, who lives trustfully near you. Do not accuse a man for no reason - when he has done you no harm. 3:27-30 My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor, if you have struck hands in pledge for another, if you have been trapped by what you said, ensnared by the words of your mouth, then do this, my son, to free yourself, since you have fallen into your neighbor's hands: Go and humble yourself; press your plea with your neighbor! 6:1-3 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. 6:16,19 Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs. 10:12 The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment. 10:21 With his mouth the godless destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous escape. 11:9 A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue. 11:12 A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. 11:25 A righteous man is cautious in friendship, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. 12:26 Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard 13:15 He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm. 13:20 A quick-tempered man does foolish things, and a crafty man is hated. 14:17 The poor are shunned even by their neighbors, but the rich have many friends. 14:20 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. 16:28 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends. 17:9 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. 17:17 An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel. 18:19 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. 18:24 Wealth brings many friends, but a poor man's friend deserts him. 19:4 Many curry favor with a ruler, and everyone is the friend of a man who gives gifts. A poor man is shunned by all his relatives - how much more do his friends avoid him! Though he pursues them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found. 19:6-7



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