

Keeping your friends

Explain why somebody once said, “The closest of friendships needs guarding”

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Read Proverbs 16:28 and explain why gossip is so dangerous to friendships

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The friend you need

Who could we say and experience as the friend that Proverbs is talking about in Proverbs 18:24?

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Who does Luke 7:34 tell us that Jesus was friends with?

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Because of the cross we are no longer enemies of God but friends if we trust in Him. Why is Jesus more faithful a friend to us than any other earthly friendship we can enjoy?

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FRIENDS

PROVERBS 27:1-17



SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

Introduction:

Think about those you consider to be your best friends in life. What is it that makes them good friends?

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Choosing your friends: who to avoid

Proverbs gives some great guidance on how to choose your friends and decide who to spend your time with. However lets start by looking at 4 types of people Proverbs says we should **avoid**.

Note who these 4 types of people we should avoid are from the following verses:

Proverbs 1:10, 23:19-21

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Proverbs 20:19

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Proverbs 27:4

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Proverbs 22:24-25

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Choosing your friends: who to choose

Read Proverbs 22:11 and find the 2 character traits Proverbs says even a king would look for in a friend.

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Read Proverbs 19:4 and 19:6. Then read Proverbs 17:17. Explain the difference between these two types of friend. Which one would you want?

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Complete the sentence from Proverbs 27:5-6:

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What do you think Proverbs means when it talks about the ‘wounds’ of a friend?

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