

Friendships

1. Bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Cor. 15:33.

Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.”

2. Friends affect us for better or for worse. Prov.

13:20. He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.

3. A true friend favors us by a kind rebuke when it

is needed. Prov. 28:23. He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward Than he who flatters with the tongue.

4. Stay away from a foolish man. Prov. 14:7. Go

from the presence of a foolish man, When you do not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.

5. Don't make friends with a hot-tempered man.

Prov. 22:24. Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go.

6. A true friend is one who may hurt you at times

for your good. Prov. 27:6. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

7. A godly friend can be of great help. Prov. 27:9.

Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.

8. Jonathan and David had an ideal friendship. 1 Sam. 20. 1 Sam. 20:17.

Now Jonathan again caused David to vow, because he loved him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. **1 Sam. 23:16.** Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God.

9. Friendship with the world is hatred toward God.

James 4:4. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. **1 John 2:15–17.** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.