

**What does Proverbs
teach us about...
...Friends?**



Wise

Foolish

Superficial Friends

The poor are shunned even by their neighbours,
but the rich have many friends (14:20)

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

Many curry favour with a ruler,
and everyone is a friend of one who gives gifts
(19:6)

Proverbs 9:10

**The Fear of the LORD
is the Beginning of Wisdom
and Knowledge of the Holy One
is Understanding**

Friends

- **What are the characteristics of true friends?**

True Friends

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

A man of many companions may come to
ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a
brother (18:24)

True Friends

Proverbs 27:5-10

- *Honesty*
- *Sincerity*
- *Concern*
- *Faithfulness*
- *Vulnerability*

Friends

- What are the characteristics of true friends?
- **Aren't you glad that Jesus is a good friend?**

True Friends

Jesus, friend of sinners

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True Friends

Reconciled: Friends with God!

John 15:13-17

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

14 *You are my friends* if you do what I command. 15 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.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

17 This is my command: love each other

Friends

- What are the characteristics of true friends?
- Aren't you glad that Jesus is a good friend?
- **Aren't you glad that being in Christ enables us to be true friends?**