

Proverbs

Love & Friendship according to Proverbs



The Greatest Commandments

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**"

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)



The Greatest Commandments

38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' **40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**

Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)



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4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

12 Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

Proverbs 10:12 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

16 A kindhearted woman gains honor, but ruthless men gain only wealth. 17 Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves.

Proverbs 11:16-17 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

**25 Anxiety weighs down the heart,
but a kind word cheers it up.**

Proverbs 12:25 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

6 Through love and faithfulness sin is atoned for; through the fear of the Lord evil is avoided.

Proverbs 16:6 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

**6 Many claim to have unfailing love,
but a faithful person who can find?**

Proverbs 20:6 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

19 Like a broken tooth or a lame foot is reliance on the unfaithful in a time of trouble.

Proverbs 25:19 (NIV)



LOVE: The Basis of True Friendship

21 If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink.

22 In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

Proverbs 25:21-22 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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

Proverbs 12:26 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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

Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

7 Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their lips.

Proverbs 14:7 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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

Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

16 If you find honey, eat just enough—too much of it, and you will vomit.

Proverbs 25:16-17 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house— too much of you, and they will hate you.

Proverbs 25:16-17 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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

Proverbs 27:9-10 (NIV)



The Practice of Friendship

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 neighbor nearby than a relative far away.

Proverbs 27:9-10 (NIV)

