



Wise Friendship

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1. Wise people cultivate friendships that are rooted in trust and reliability.

*Proverbs 18:24, Proverbs 25:17, Proverbs 27:14,
Proverbs 17:17, Proverbs 27:10, Proverbs 27:6,
Proverbs 27:9*

There is a sense of friendship not only being reliable and trustworthy in terms of meeting felt needs, but sometimes the needs we don't even know we have



John 15:12-15

2. Wise people steer clear from those who would lead them down destructive paths.

Proverbs 12:26, Proverbs 16:2, Proverbs 22:24, 25,



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God is all about course-corrections, that you need not keep making the same foolish choices, but can learn from past failures for future friendships

3. Wise people understand that some pursue friendship primarily out of self-interest

*Proverbs 19:4, Proverbs 14:20, Proverbs 19:6, Proverbs 19:7,
2 Corinthians 5:11-14, 15*



Our motivation for moving towards our unreached friends as Jesus' ambassadors stems not from what we can gain from them, but from a healthy fear of the Lord related to His evaluation of our lives at the Bema Seat Judgement (previously in 2 Cor 5) as well as from the love that Jesus lavished on us – a love that has released self-interest as a motivator and now lives for the One who died and rose for them.

_____ - *I just wanted to communicate my gratitude to you for being a trustworthy and reliable friend to me*

_____ - *I was thinking about you today and wanted to let you know how much I appreciate you and was hoping that we could connect again sometime soon.*

