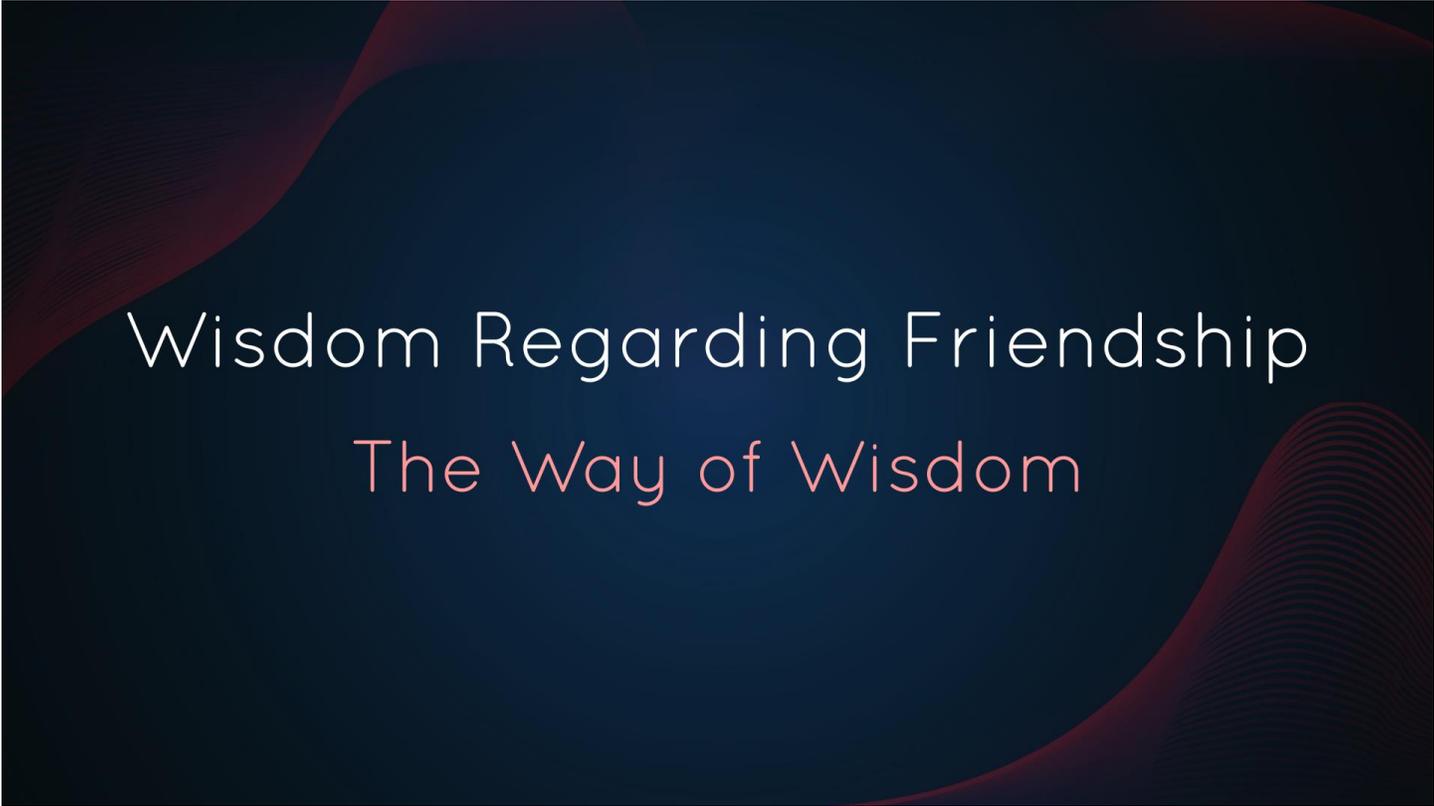


# Wisdom Regarding Friendship

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### I. THE VALUE OF FRIENDS

#### A. SOURCE OF COMFORT...

1. In good times and in bad times - Pro 17:17
2. In some cases, even better than that provided by a brother - Pro 18:24b

#### B. SOURCE OF GOOD COUNSEL...

1. Counsel that can “delight the heart” - Pro 27:9
2. The value of counsel in general is seen in Pro 11:14

### II. THE CHOICE OF FRIENDS

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## A. FRIENDS YOU DO NOT WANT...

1. Gossips - Pro 20:19
2. Short-tempered - Pro 22:24-25
3. Those given to drinking and gluttony - Pro 23:20-21
4. Those given to change - Pro 24:21-22
5. Liars, those untrustworthy, and those inconsiderate - Pro 25:18-20
6. Those given to violence - Pro 1:10-19

## B. FRIENDS YOU DO WANT...

1. Those who display wisdom themselves - Pro 13:20
2. For their teaching (counsel) will help lead you in the right way - cf. Pro 13:14

## III. MAINTAINING FRIENDSHIPS

### A. THINGS WHICH DISRUPT FRIENDSHIPS...

1. Repeating everything you hear - Pro 17:9
2. Getting into senseless arguments - Pro 17:14
3. Overstaying your welcome - Pro 25:17
4. Meddling in affairs not your own - Pro 26:17
5. Playing bad jokes - Pro 26:18-19
6. Being a "talebearer" - Pro 26:20
7. Being contentious - Pro 26:21
8. Engaging in insincere flattery - Pro 27:14

### B. SOLVING PROBLEMS WITH OUR FRIENDS...

1. Make sure that you are at peace with the Lord - cf. Pro 16:7
2. Be slow to anger - Pro 15:18; cf. Ja 1:19-20
3. Be slow to respond - Pro 18:13
4. Avoid quarreling - Pro 20:3

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5. Speak gently - Pro 15:1
6. Speak briefly - Pro 10:19
7. Be quick to show love - Pro 10:12
8. But if necessary, rebuke rather than flatter - Pro 28:23

## **How to Have Jesus as a Friend - God's Plan of Salvation**

Hear - Romans 10:17

Believe - John 10:26

Repent - Luke 13:3

Confess - Matthew 10:32-33

Be Baptized - Romans 6:3

Remain Faithful - Revelation 2:10