

A Study Through Proverbs

Proverbs and Friendships

I. Introduction

-List 3-4 of your closest friends

-The importance of friendships

II. General Friendship Principles

- 1.) You become like your friends – Prov. 13:20
- 2.) A good friend must be friendly – Prov. 18:24a
- 3.) A good friend is loyal – Prov. 18:24b

III. Specific Friendship Principles – Friendships to Avoid

- 1.) Avoid those who are divisive – Prov. 16:28
- 2.) Avoid those who can't control their anger – Prov. 22:24-25
- 3.) Avoid those who party – Prov. 23:19-21
- 4.) Avoid those who are unsubmitive to authority – Prov. 24:21-22
- 5.) Avoid those who are thieves – Prov. 29:24

-It's ok to have casual friendships with those in this category if they are viewed as opportunities for ministry or evangelism

IV. Specific Friendship Principles – Friendships to Pursue

- 1.) Pursue those who are lovingly honest – Prov. 27:5-6
- 2.) Pursue those who give good counsel – Prov. 27:9
- 3.) Pursue those who sharpen you spiritually – Prov. 27:17

V. Application

-Are your current friends making you a better Christian?

-Are you the kind of friend that is making others better Christians?