

**A TOPICAL STUDY OF THE BOOK OF PROVERBS**

Lesson 10

**SECTION : MY RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS**

**TOPIC: Friends and Neighbors**

**INTRODUCTION**

We now begin our study on relationships with others. This week we will look at our relationships with our friends and neighbors. While forming friendships is one of life's greatest privileges, maintaining quality relationships is both costly and incredibly valuable. The Bible gives us patterns and principles for such relationships. God's Word is a treasury of truth about friendship. Let's discover what it says!!!

**SCRIPTURE SEARCH**

This part of your homework highlights the scriptures found in Proverbs on this topic. Look up and comment on some or all of those listed below.

**CHARACTERISTICS OF FRIENDS**

*Positive Characteristics*

Proverbs 17:9 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 17:17 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 18:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 22:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 27:6 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 27:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 27:17 \_\_\_\_\_

*Negative Characteristics*

Proverbs 6:1-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 14:20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 16:28 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 17:18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 19:4, 6, 7 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 22:24-25 \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 24:28-29 \_\_\_\_\_

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- Proverbs 25:8-10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 25:17, 18 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 26:18, 19 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 27:14 \_\_\_\_\_
- Proverbs 29:5 \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE RESEARCH**

This part of your homework gives additional Biblical references for this topic. Look up and comment on *at least* one verse in each topic:

**TYPES OF FRIENDS**

*Faithful Friends*

- I Samuel 20:17 \_\_\_\_\_
- II Samuel 9:1-11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Ecclesiastes 4:9, 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- Luke 15:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- John 15:13 \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 2:42 \_\_\_\_\_
- I John 1:7 \_\_\_\_\_

*Unfaithful Friends*

- Deuteronomy 13:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job 16:2, 20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Job 19:19:13-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 38:11 \_\_\_\_\_
- Psalms 41:9 \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 26:47-50, 56 \_\_\_\_\_

SCRIPTURE REACTION

- What positive attributes and attitudes are important to you in your relationships with your friends and neighbors?
- Write down some negative attributes and attitudes that you desire to avoid in your friendships.
- According to John 15:12-17, what should our attitudes be towards our friends?
- Have you ever been hurt by a friend? Have you ever betrayed a friendship? How? What have you learned from these situations?

SCRIPTURAL ACTION

- How would you like to improve your friendships? What specific actions do you plan to take in order to do this?
- In what ways can you actively show love for your neighbors or friends?
- What do you need to work on in your life in order to cultivate friendships?

**SCRIPTURE CHALLENGE**

Describe the elements of friendship found in the relationships between these people:

**Jonathan and David (I Samuel 18:1; 19:1-7; 20)**

**Elijah and Elisha (2 Kings 2:1-14)**

**Paul, Priscilla and Aquilla (Acts 18:1-3, 26; Romans 16:3-4)**

**Christ and his disciples (John 15:12-17)**

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

*A man who has friends must himself be friendly,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

**Proverbs 17:17**

