

## Friendship Pr. 13:20, 12:26, 17:17, 18:24, 27:5-10

### 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of friendship.

- a) Our friends will influence the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our life.
- b) W \_\_\_\_\_: Hanging out with fools will bring you harm!
- c) P \_\_\_\_\_ Hanging out with wise people will make you wiser.

#### d) Reflection Questions:

##### •Who are your five closest friends?

If you want to know who you will become in the next couple of year, look at the five people you spend the majority of your time with.

##### •Are they wise or are they fools?

### 2) Q \_\_\_\_\_ of a wise friend.

- a) The F \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord is the most important common ground!
- Are your closest friends Christians or non-Christians?
- b) F \_\_\_\_\_: They will stick with you in good times and bad.
- Are your closest friends barnacle (faithful) friends? Are you a faithful and dependable friend to others?
- c) Speak the \_\_\_\_\_ (even when it hurts) in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Are your closest friends pruning friends that speak truth in love? Are you that kind of friend to others?

### 3) Jesus is our \_\_\_\_\_ friend.

- a) Response 1: A \_\_\_\_\_ for this type of friendship.
- b) Response 2: A realization we can't be the \_\_\_\_\_ wise friend.

### 4) How do we grow these friendships?

- a) We \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ pursue them.
- b) We trust that Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ the friends we need even if feels like he is our only friend for the moment.

#### Quotes To Ponder:

"Friendship" is a mild word for such an extraordinary and holy connection, for what can be the most sustaining, life-giving, death-defying relationships some of us will ever experience. My closest friends are the reason for my deep faith in God, because through them I have discovered what superhuman intimacy and devotion are. I have been blessed by people whose unconditional love and brilliance and loyalty have almost single-handedly made it possible for me to survive. ---- Anne Lamott

"In friendship...we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another...the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting--any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you," can truly say to every group of Christian friends, "Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another." The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others. --- C.S. Lewis in *Four Loves*

#### Recommended Reading:

- *Four Loves* By CS Lewis
- *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands: People in Need of Change Helping People in Need of Change* by Paul David Tripp