

## **The Wise Recognize True Friends**

Today's Scripture: **Proverbs 27:1-6**

1. Friends We Don't Know (vs 1-2)
2. Friends We Don't Need (vs 3-4)
3. Friends We Do Need (vs 5-6)

### **1. Friends We Don't Know** (vs 1-2)

What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift? **1Corinthians 4:7**

### **2. Friends We Don't Need** (vs 3-4)

Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare. **Proverbs 22:24-25**

Peninnah would taunt Hannah and make fun of her because the LORD had kept her from having children. Year after year it was the same— Peninnah would taunt Hannah as they went to the Tabernacle. Each time, Hannah would be reduced to tears and would not even eat.

**1Samuel 1:6-7 NLT**

But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were **filled with jealousy** and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. **Acts 13:45**

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, though formerly I was a **blasphemer, persecutor**, and **insolent** opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our

Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. **1 Timothy 1:12-16**

### 3. **Friends We Do Need** (vs 5-6)

There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. **Proverbs 12:18**

“Hidden love expresses selfishness, for the ‘lover’ cowardly, timidly, and/or lethargically refuses to risk himself in the best interest of the beloved. Secret love is like winking at a girl in the dark; it does neither her nor you any good. Open, loving rebuke is potent; hidden love is impotent...Love and correction go hand in hand. The command ‘rebuke your neighbour frankly’(Lev 19:17) is followed by the command ‘love your neighbour as yourself’ (Lev 19:18)” **Bruce Waltke** PROVERBS Vol 2 p.375

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately **sick**; who can understand it? **Jeremiah 17:9**

**Heal** me, O LORD, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, or you are my praise. **Jeremiah 17:14**