

V. **CONSISTENT**

A. You must be **loyal** to have wise relationships.

“Do not forsake your own friend or your father’s friend...”
Proverbs 27:10a

B. Friends **know** all about you and love you anyway.

“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.”
Proverbs 17:17

VI. **CONSTRUCTIVE**

A. You must be **encouraging** to have wise relationships.

“As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”
Proverbs 27:17

“Ointment and perfume delight the heart, And the sweetness of a man’s friend gives delight by hearty counsel.”
Proverbs 27:9

B. Friends bring you closer to **God**.

“The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.”
Proverbs 12:26

“My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.”
Proverbs 1:10

MAKE WISDOM YOUR LIFE GOAL!

Do you need to wise up about relationships?

*“5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.
6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,”*
James 1:5-6a

WISE UP

Wise Up About Relationships

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INTRODUCTION

A. Wise up and live well!!

*“7 Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.
And in all your getting, get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her.”*
Proverbs 4:7-8

Wisdom is discerning and doing the will of God.

B. This teaching series is based on the book of Proverbs.

- The theme of Proverbs is **wisdom**.
It is mentioned dozens of times covering all the basic areas of life.
- The writer of Proverbs is **Solomon**.
He is the wisest person to ever live.
- The nature of Proverbs is **pithy**.
They are short and concise statements of truth.

C. In this series, you will you will learn how to wise up and live well.

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D. **Text:** Proverbs 13:20 (Pew Bible/Pg.596/Old Testament)

HOW TO WISE UP ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

I. CARING

A. You must be **friendly** to have wise relationships.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly,...”
Proverbs 18:24a

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Philippians 2:4

B. Friends are **givers** and not takers.

“What is desired in a man is kindness,...” Proverbs 19:22a

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”
John 15:13

II. CHEERFUL

A. You must be **positive** to have wise relationships.

“A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.”
Proverbs 17:22

“The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;”
II Timothy 1:16

B. Friends get excited about **your** successes.

“Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.”
Proverbs 27:2

“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”
Romans 12:15

III. CONFIDENTIAL

A. You must be **trustworthy** to have wise relationships.

“A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.”
Proverbs 11:13

“A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.”
Proverbs 16:28

B. Friends don’t rub it in, they rub it **out**.

“He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends.”
Proverbs 17:9

“Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.”
Proverbs 10:12

IV. CANDID

A. You must be **open**, **honest**, and **frank** to have wise relationships.

*“5 Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed.
6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”*
Proverbs 27:5-6

B. Friends follow three **rules** for candid communication:

“A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!”
Proverbs 15:23

- Compliment in public and correct in private.
- Never rebuke a person until you’ve proven that you are open to rebuke from them.
- Correct people when they are up, not when they are down.