



Making Wise Friends: Biblical Wisdom on Choosing Companions



Explore how God's Word guides us in choosing wise, godly friends to nurture our faith and character through wise companionship.

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Introduction

Choosing friends wisely is one of the most important decisions we make in life. Our companions influence our thoughts, actions, and spiritual growth in profound ways. The Bible offers timeless *wisdom* about the kind of people we should surround ourselves with to build a life rooted in faith, love, and discernment. In this three-day study, we will explore how making wise friends shapes our character and deepens our walk with God.

Friendships that honor God not only provide support during trials but also challenge us to grow in wisdom and grace. On the other hand, ungodly relationships can cause us to stray or adopt harmful attitudes. **God's Word calls us to seek companionship that reflects His heart and wisdom.** As you engage with these Scriptures, reflect on your current friendships and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you toward relationships that enrich your faith journey.

Let's begin this study with an open heart, ready to learn how the Lord directs us to make wise choices in friendships, helping us to live a life that glorifies Him and blesses others. 🙏 ✨





Day 1: 🧠 The Impact of Friends on Our Character



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Your Verse

Proverbs 13:20 – "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 15:33 – "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"*
- *Psalms 1:1 – "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take."*



Day 1: 🧠 The Impact of Friends on Our Character

Devotional: Choose Friends Who Shape Your Character Wisely

Our friendships shape who we become. Proverbs 13:20 reminds us that walking with wise people leads us into wisdom, while surrounding ourselves with fools results in harm. The Bible clearly teaches that the company we keep has a direct spiritual impact on our character. *It is not just about having friends but about having the right friends.*

Consider the power of influence: friends encourage us, push us forward, or sometimes pull us down. Paul warns in 1 Corinthians 15:33 that bad company can corrupt good morals. When we choose companions whose values align with God's, our lives flourish and reflect His goodness. Conversely, worldly influences can damage our faith and integrity.

Psalms 1 paints a beautiful picture of avoiding paths of evil and instead delighting in God's law. This imagery applies to the types of friends we choose. Our companions either lead us closer to God's blessing or away from His favor. Today, examine your friendships honestly. Are they bringing you closer to God's wisdom or leading you astray? Embrace friendships that nurture godly character and wisdom.



Day 1: 🧠 The Impact of Friends on Our Character

Reflect and Apply

1. How have your friends influenced your thoughts, attitudes, or actions recently?

2. What qualities do your wisest friends have that you admire?

3. Are there relationships in your life that might be harming your spiritual growth?



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Journaling Prompts

1. List the positive influences your closest friends have on your faith.

2. Reflect on a time a friend helped you make a wise decision—how did that impact you?

3. Write about any friendships that challenge your faith and how you can address them.



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Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of friendship. *Help me to discern wisely the companions I choose*, surrounding myself with those who lead me closer to You. Strengthen my character and guard my heart from harmful influences. Teach me to be a wise friend to others as well. Fill me with Your Spirit so that I may embody the wisdom found only in You.

Guide my steps and give me the courage to foster godly relationships. May my friendships reflect Your love and grace every day. Amen. 🙏💡❤️





Day 2: 🤝 Building Friendships on Wisdom and Godly Values



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Your Verse

Proverbs 27:17 - "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."*
- *Colossians 3:12-14 - "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience..."*



Devotional: Forge Friendships That Sharpen and Encourage

Friendships grounded in wisdom encourage growth and mutual support. Proverbs 27:17 beautifully illustrates that true friends sharpen one another like iron sharpens iron; they challenge us, refine our character, and strengthen our faith. Godly friendships are not merely about comfort—they are opportunities for growth in Christlikeness.

Ecclesiastes 4 reinforces this by highlighting companionship's practical blessings: support through adversity and shared strength. Wise friends don't let us fall without offering help. They walk alongside us in life's challenges, lifting us up with love and encouragement.

Colossians 3 calls us to embody compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience in our relationships. These virtues form the foundation of godly friendships that foster wisdom and grace. When our friendships reflect these qualities, they become channels of God's love and wisdom.

Today, think about how you can build or deepen friendships based on these godly values. What steps can you take to sharpen and encourage those around you in faith and character?



Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways have your friends helped you grow spiritually or emotionally?

2. How can you offer wisdom and encouragement to your friends today?

3. Are your friendships reflecting the kindness, humility, and patience described in Colossians?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a friend who has helped sharpen your character and faith.

2. Consider how you can practice compassion and patience in your current friendships.

3. List practical ways to support friends facing struggles or challenges.



Day 2: 🧡 Building Friendships on Wisdom and Godly Values

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for friends who sharpen and uphold me. *Help me to be that kind of friend as well*, offering encouragement, patience, and love. Teach me to build relationships marked by Your wisdom and kindness so that together we grow in faith and character.

May our friendships reflect Your grace and be a source of strength for one another. Guide me as I seek to nurture godly companionships that honor You. Amen. 🧡💖📖





Day 3: Guarding Your Heart Through Wise Companionship



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Your Verse

Proverbs 22:24-25 - "Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person... You might learn their ways and get yourself ensnared."

Supporting Scriptures

- *James 1:5 - "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault."*
- *Matthew 7:15 - "Watch out for false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing."*



Devotional: Wisely Guard Your Heart in Friendship Choices

Not every friendship is beneficial; wisdom involves discernment and guarding the heart. Proverbs 22:24-25 warns against forming close bonds with those who have harmful traits like a quick temper. Such friendships can have a negative influence, leading us to adopt destructive behaviors or attitudes.

God encourages us to seek His wisdom actively when faced with relational decisions. James 1:5 offers a beautiful promise that God generously provides wisdom to those who ask. Turning to Him helps us navigate friendships with discernment and love.

Additionally, Jesus instructs us in Matthew 7:15 to be vigilant against false friends or influences disguised as good. Protecting our heart means being wise about those we allow into our inner circle.

Today, reflect on the importance of wisdom in friendship. Pray for insight to recognize which relationships to pursue and which to avoid. Invite God's guidance to guard your heart and nurture friendships that strengthen your walk with Him.



Day 3: 🌿 Guarding Your Heart Through Wise Companionship

Reflect and Apply

1. Are there friendships where you feel influenced negatively or drained?

2. How do you seek God's wisdom when forming or maintaining friendships?

3. What boundaries might you need to establish to protect your spiritual well-being?



Day 3: 🌿 Guarding Your Heart Through Wise Companionship

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a situation where God's wisdom helped you make a wise friendship decision.

2. Reflect on how you can guard your heart while still showing love and kindness.

3. List steps you can take to seek God's guidance before forming new friendships.



Day 3: 🌿 Guarding Your Heart Through Wise Companionship

Prayer for Today

Dear Lord, thank You for the wisdom You provide. *Help me to guard my heart wisely,* choosing friends who build me up and reflect Your love. Give me discernment to recognize harmful relationships and the courage to set healthy boundaries.

Guide my steps in friendship so I may grow in grace and truth. May my heart remain anchored in You as I seek godly companionships that honor Your name. Amen. 🌿 🛡️ 🙏





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