



# Wisdom in Building Godly Friendships



Discover how wisdom cultivates trustworthy, godly friendships. Learn to build enduring bonds rooted in faith and mutual encouragement.

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## Introduction

**Wisdom** is a precious gift from God that guides our decisions and relationships. When it comes to friendships, wisdom helps us discern whom to trust, how to encourage others, and how to grow together in faith. Friendships profoundly impact our spiritual journey and daily life. Bringing wisdom into these bonds ensures they are not only joyful but also godly and enduring.

*Embracing wisdom in friendships* means seeking companions who uplift us spiritually, who share values aligned with God's heart, and who disciple us in love. Proverbs teaches us many principles about wise friendships—how to recognize true friends, avoid harmful companionships, and nurture bonds that reflect Christ's love and wisdom.

Over this 7-day study, we will explore Scripture to understand how wisdom can shape the friendships we build. Whether you desire more trustworthy friends or want to deepen existing relationships, pursuing wisdom will guide you to companions who enrich your life and glorify God.

Join us each day as we study biblical truths and apply them practically, inviting God's wisdom to lead our hearts in choosing and cultivating godly friendships.





# Day 1: 📖 The Foundation of Wisdom in Friendships



## Your Verse

*Proverbs 2:6 "For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God..."*
- *Psalms 25:4 "Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths."*



# Devotional: God Is the Source of True Friendship Wisdom

When building friendships, wisdom is not merely common sense, but divine guidance. The Bible points us to God as the ultimate source of wisdom. Proverbs 2:6 reminds us that true wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come from the Lord. This is very important when it comes to friendships: we need God's wisdom to recognize trustworthy companions who encourage us in our faith.

James 1:5 encourages believers to ask God for wisdom without doubting. This promise assures us that God delights in guiding us to make wise choices in relationships. The psalmist's prayer in Psalm 25:4 is a beautiful example of seeking God's direction to walk rightly.

Reflect on your friendships today. How often do you invite God to lead you in choosing and nurturing these relationships? Wisdom from God helps us avoid harmful associations and strengthens bonds rooted in truth and love.

Pray for discernment to recognize godly friends who build you up and reflect Christ's character. Trust that as you seek Him first, He will lead you into wise, loyal companionships.



## Reflect and Apply

1. In what ways have you experienced God's wisdom in selecting friends?

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2. How can you rely more on God's guidance when cultivating your friendships?

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3. Are there any relationships you need to evaluate in light of biblical wisdom?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when wisdom helped you form or end a friendship.

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2. List the qualities you believe a godly friend should have.

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3. Journal your prayer asking God to guide you in your friendships.

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Day 1: 📖 The Foundation of Wisdom in Friendships

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for being the source of all wisdom. Help me to seek Your guidance daily as I choose and nurture friendships. Teach me to recognize trustworthy friends who encourage me to live for You. May Your wisdom guard my heart and lead me into relationships that glorify You. Amen. 📖 🙏





## Day 2: Choosing Trustworthy Friends



## Your Verse

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

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked..."*
- *1 Corinthians 15:33 "Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"*



# Devotional: Walking with Wisdom: Discernment in Friendship Choices

**Proverbs 13:20 paints a clear picture: the company we keep directly influences who we become.** Walking with wise friends leads us toward wisdom, while aligning with unwise companions can bring harm. This truth echoes throughout Scripture.

Psalm 1:1 warns about the danger of mingling with the wicked and those who mock God's ways. The apostle Paul similarly cautions believers in 1 Corinthians 15:33 that bad company can corrupt good character.

Applying this wisdom to friendships means being intentional about who you allow close to your heart. It's not always easy to say no to certain relationships, but godly discernment helps us protect our spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Trustworthy friends will encourage your growth in Christ and reflect His love and truth.

Ask the Lord to help you identify who your wise companions are and have the courage to cultivate those friendships. At the same time, allow Him to reveal relationships that may not be healthy so you can lovingly establish boundaries.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Who are the friends in your life that lead you closer to God?

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2. Have you noticed any friendships that negatively impact your faith or character?

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3. How can you pursue relationships that foster spiritual growth and wisdom?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write down names of friends who positively influence your spiritual walk.

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2. Describe ways you can be a more trustworthy friend to others.

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3. Reflect on any difficult friendship decisions you need to prayerfully make.

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Day 2: 🧡 Choosing Trustworthy Friends

## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, guide me in choosing friends who walk in Your wisdom. Help me to be discerning and courageous in protecting my heart while encouraging others in faith. Teach me to build relationships that reflect Your love and truth. Amen. 🙏 ✨ 🛡️





## Day 3: The Power of Wise Counsel



## Your Verse

*Proverbs 27:9 "Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one..."*
- *Proverbs 15:22 "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."*



# Devotional: Cherishing Friendship Through Heartfelt Guidance

**Friendships flourish when grounded in honest, loving counsel.** Proverbs 27:9 compares the joy brought by a friend's sincere advice to the sweetness of perfume and incense. Wise words tenderly offered build up the heart and sustain the relationship.

Ecclesiastes 4:9 highlights the strength in companionship. Two friends partnering bring greater support and encouragement than one traveling alone. When we welcome wise counsel from godly friends, we avoid pitfalls and make better choices.

Proverbs 15:22 stresses the value of counsel in success. Plans made without input risk failure, but those formed with wise advisers flourish. Wise friends lovingly guide us by providing perspective, correction, and encouragement.

Consider how your friendships incorporate wise counsel. Are you open to advice and correction? Are you a source of godly counsel to others? Cultivate friendships that encourage transparency, growth, and mutual strengthening.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you respond to wise advice from friends?

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2. In what ways can you provide loving counsel to your companions?

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3. Can you identify moments when godly counsel changed your path for good?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Recall a piece of advice from a friend that blessed your life.

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2. Write how you can improve receiving and giving spiritual counsel.

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3. List qualities of a friend whose counsel you trust deeply.

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Day 3: 💬 The Power of Wise Counsel

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for friends who offer wise and loving counsel. Help me to receive their guidance with humility and grace. Teach me also to be a friend who uplifts with truthful, loving advice that honors You. May wise counsel nurture my friendships and deepen our walk with You. Amen. 💬 🧡 📖





## Day 4: Love That Builds Up



Day 4: ❤️ Love That Builds Up

## Your Verse

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*
- *Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*



Day 4: ❤️ Love That Builds Up

## Devotional: The Role of Love in Godly Friendships

**Love is the core of meaningful and lasting friendships.** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 gives us a stunning portrait of love's qualities: patience, kindness, protecting, trusting, hoping, persevering. When these qualities infuse friendships, they reflect God's love and build bonds that endure challenges.

Jesus in John 15:13 models the greatest love by sacrificing Himself for His friends. Our friendships should mirror this selfless love, where others' needs and growth are valued above selfish interests.

Colossians 3:14 teaches us that love binds all virtues together in unity. Without love, wisdom and knowledge in relationships are incomplete. Love is the fuel for wise action in friendships.

Seek to cultivate this love in every friendship you have. Be patient with flaws, kind with words, quick to forgive, and eager to persevere. Love empowered by God's wisdom produces friendships that reflect Christ and withstand trials.



Day 4: ❤️ Love That Builds Up

## Reflect and Apply

1. How does love actively influence your friendships?

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2. Are there areas where patience or kindness could improve your relationships?

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3. How can you better imitate Christ's sacrificial love for your friends?

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Day 4: ❤️ Love That Builds Up

# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a friend who exemplifies godly love to you.

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2. List practical ways to show love in difficult friendship moments.

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3. Describe what perseverance in love looks like in your friendships.

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Day 4: ❤️ Love That Builds Up

## Prayer for Today

**Father**, teach me to love as You love—patiently, kindly, and perseveringly.  
 Help me to be a source of encouragement and protection in my friendships.  
 May Your love fill my heart and actions, reflecting Christ to those around me.  
 Amen. ❤️ 🙏 🤝





## Day 5: Guarding Your Heart and Friendships



## Your Verse

*Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Matthew 5:37 "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'"*
- *Ephesians 5:15-16 "Be very careful, then, how you live... making the most of every opportunity."*



# Devotional: Protecting Yourself and Friendships with Wisdom

**Guarding your heart is essential in wise friendships.** Proverbs 4:23 emphasizes that everything in life flows from the heart, making its protection vital. A guarded heart is attentive and discerning about whom it trusts and how deeply it invests emotionally.

In Matthew 5:37, Jesus calls us to integrity in speech—speaking clear, truthful 'yes' or 'no' helps build trust in friendships. Clear boundaries honor both yourself and others.

Ephesians 5:15–16 urges believers to live carefully, wisely managing time and relationships. Guarding the heart involves being cautious with influences and not rushing into careless attachments.

Wisdom in friendships includes recognizing when to say no, setting healthy boundaries, and protecting yourself from harmful dynamics. This guard is not about fear or isolation but about nurturing safe, sacred bonds.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What boundaries have you set to guard your heart in friendships?

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2. How do you discern when a friendship needs protection or limits?

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3. In what ways could you grow in guarding your heart wisely?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a moment you needed to say 'no' for your heart's protection.

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2. Write down boundaries important for your emotional and spiritual health.

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3. Journal how guarding your heart impacts your friendships positively.

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Day 5: 🛡️ Guarding Your Heart and Friendships

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, help me guard my heart with wisdom and discernment. Teach me to set healthy boundaries and to live carefully in all my relationships. Protect my friendships so they honor You and nurture my soul. May Your Spirit guide my choices and speech. Amen. 🛡️ 🙏 ☁️





## Day 6: Growing Together in Wisdom



## Your Verse

*Ecclesiastes 4:12 "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 10:24-25 "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."*
- *Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."*



# Devotional: Friendship as a Spiritual Growth Partnership

**Wise friendships grow together in faith and character.** Ecclesiastes 4:12 illustrates that zipped together, friendships become resilient and supportive. Bringing God into the center (the 'three strands') strengthens the bond even more.

Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages believers to motivate each other toward love and good works, showing friendship as an active, purposeful partnership in growth.

Proverbs 27:17 teaches us the powerful metaphor of iron sharpening iron—mutual encouragement and accountability refine our wisdom and faith.

A godly friendship is alive, not static. It requires commitment to encouraging, correcting, and growing with one another in Christ. As we invest in these relationships, we become more like Him and carry out His wisdom in all areas of life.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do your friendships help you grow spiritually and in wisdom?

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2. What role do you play in sharpening and encouraging your friends?

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3. Are there ways to involve God more intentionally in your friendships?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. List ways your friends have helped you grow in faith or wisdom.

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2. Write how you can intentionally spur a friend on in love and good deeds.

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3. Describe what a spiritually growing friendship looks like in your life.

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Day 6: 🌱 Growing Together in Wisdom

## Prayer for Today

**Dear God,** thank You for friendships that encourage growth and wisdom. Help me to be a blessing and a source of encouragement to my friends. May our relationships be strong cords woven with Your presence, sharpening and spurring each other on. Amen. 🌱💛📖





## Day 7: 🥰 Celebrating God's Gift of Friendship



## Your Verse

*Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *John 15:15 "I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you."*
- *Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."*



Day 7: 🥰 Celebrating God's Gift of Friendship

# Devotional: Cherish and Celebrate God's Gift of Wise Friends

**Friendship is a treasured gift from God to be celebrated and cherished.** Proverbs 17:17 reminds us that true friends love consistently and stand alongside us during difficult times. Such reliable friendships are vital to flourishing in our Christian walk.

Jesus calls us His friends in John 15:15, revealing the depth of intimacy and knowledge shared—inviting us to a relationship full of love and trust. We are not just acquaintances; we are family.

Romans 12:10 exhorts believers to show devotion and honor to one another, encouraging a spirit of respect and love that enriches friendship.

Today, reflect on the friendships God has blessed you with. Celebrate these godly relationships and commit to cultivating them with wisdom, love, and gratitude. Friendships are not accidental but part of God's plan to support, encourage, and shape us.



## Reflect and Apply

1. What friendships has God specifically gifted you?

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2. How do you express love and honor to your friends consistently?

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3. How can you deepen your friendship with Christ as the ultimate friend?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write a letter of gratitude to a godly friend.

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2. Reflect on how Jesus models perfect friendship for you.

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3. Journal ways to cultivate gratitude and devotion in your friendships.

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Day 7: 🥰 Celebrating God's Gift of Friendship

## Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father**, thank You for the precious gift of friendship. Help me to cherish, nurture, and honor the friends You have placed in my life. Teach me to reflect Your love and faithfulness as I walk with others. May our relationships bring glory to You and strength to each other. Amen. 🥰 🙏 🤝





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