

*There is no denying the flaws of friendship in a broken world.*

Those hard feelings and seasons are so real. **And so are the blessings.**

The Bible is filled with wisdom about friendship, from how to choose good friends to how we can be the kind of friend that reflects Christ's love.

1. Proverbs 17:17

“A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

2. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.”

3. John 15:13

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.”

4. Proverbs 27:9

“Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.”

5. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

6. Proverbs 18:24

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

7. 1 Corinthians 15:33

“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”

8. Proverbs 27:17

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

9. Colossians 3:13

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

10. Proverbs 12:26

“The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.”

11. Luke 6:31

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

12. Galatians 6:2

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

13. Psalm 133:1

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”

14. Proverbs 22:24-25

“Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared.”

15. 1 Peter 4:8-10

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.”

16. Matthew 22:39

“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”