

PROVERBS ABOUT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

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- Proverbs 3:27** Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to do it.
- Proverbs 3:28** Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come again,
tomorrow I will give it”—when you have it with you.
- 29** Do not plan evil against your neighbor,
who dwells trustingly beside you.
- 30** Do not contend with a man for no reason,
when he has done you no harm.
- Proverbs 6:1** My son, if you have put up security for your neighbor,
have given your pledge for a stranger,
2 if you are snared in the words of your mouth,
caught in the words of your mouth,
3 then do this, my son, and save yourself,
for you have come into the hand of your neighbor:
go, hasten, and plead urgently with your neighbor.
4 Give your eyes no sleep
and your eyelids no slumber;
5 save yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter,
like a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- Proverbs 6:12** A worthless person, a wicked man,
goes about with crooked speech,
13 winks with his eyes, signals with his feet,
points with his finger,
14 with perverted heart devises evil,
continually sowing discord;
15 therefore calamity will come upon him suddenly;
in a moment he will be broken beyond healing.
- Proverbs 6:16** There are six things that the LORD hates,
seven that are an abomination to him:
17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,
18 a heart that devises wicked plans,
feet that make haste to run to evil,
19 a false witness who breathes out lies,
and one who sows discord among brothers.
- Proverbs 10:9** Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,
but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out.
10 Whoever winks the eye causes trouble,
and a babbling fool will come to ruin.
- Proverbs 11:9** With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor,
but by knowledge the righteous are delivered.

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- Proverbs 11:11** By the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,
but by the mouth of the wicked it is overthrown.
- 12** Whoever belittles his neighbor lacks sense,
but a man of understanding remains silent.
- 13** Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets,
but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered.
- Proverbs 11:17** A man who is kind benefits himself,
but a cruel man hurts himself.
- 18** The wicked earns deceptive wages,
but one who sows righteousness gets a sure reward.
- Proverbs 11:24** One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;
another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.
- 25** Whoever brings blessing will be enriched,
and one who waters will himself be watered.
- 26** The people curse him who holds back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.
- Proverbs 12:16** The vexation of a fool is known at once,
but the prudent ignores an insult.
- Proverbs 12:23** A prudent man conceals knowledge,
but the heart of fools proclaims folly.
- Proverbs 13:3** Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life;
he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin.
- Proverbs 13:20** Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm.
- 21** Disaster pursues sinners,
but the righteous are rewarded with good.
- Proverbs 14:3** By the mouth of a fool comes a rod for his back,
but the lips of the wise will preserve them.
- Proverbs 14:5** A faithful witness does not lie,
but a false witness breathes out lies.
- Proverbs 14:13** Even in laughter the heart may ache,
and the end of joy may be grief.
- 14** The backslider in heart will be filled with the fruit of his ways,
and a good man will be filled with the fruit of his ways.
- Proverbs 14:20** The poor is disliked even by his neighbor,
but the rich has many friends.
- 21** Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner,
but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

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- Proverbs 14:31** Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.
- Proverbs 15:22** Without counsel plans fail,
but with many advisers they succeed.
- 23** To make an apt answer is a joy to a man,
and a word in season, how good it is!
- Proverbs 15:26** The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD,
but gracious words are pure.
- Proverbs 15:28** The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer,
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
- Proverbs 15:31** The ear that listens to life-giving reproof
will dwell among the wise.
- 32** Whoever ignores instruction despises himself,
but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence.
- Proverbs 16:18** Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19** It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor
than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20** Whoever gives thought to the word will discover good,
and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD.
- Proverbs 16:24** Gracious words are like a honeycomb,
sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
- Proverbs 16:29** A man of violence entices his neighbor
and leads him in a way that is not good.
- 30** Whoever winks his eyes plans dishonest things;
he who purses his lips brings evil to pass.
- Proverbs 17:8** A bribe is like a magic stone in the eyes of the one who gives it;
wherever he turns he prospers.
- 9** Whoever covers an offense seeks love,
but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.
- 10** A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding
than a hundred blows into a fool.
- Proverbs 17:14** The beginning of strife is like letting out water,
so quit before the quarrel breaks out.

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- Proverbs 17:17** A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity.
- 18** One who lacks sense gives a pledge
and puts up security in the presence of his neighbor.
- 19** Whoever loves transgression loves strife;
he who makes his door high seeks destruction.
- Proverbs 17:27** Whoever restrains his words has knowledge,
and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
- Proverbs 18:1** Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.
- Proverbs 18:8** The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.
- Proverbs 18:13** If one gives an answer before he hears,
it is his folly and shame.
- Proverbs 18:18** The lot puts an end to quarrels
and decides between powerful contenders.
- 19** A brother offended is more unyielding than a strong city,
and quarreling is like the bars of a castle.
- Proverbs 18:24** A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
- Proverbs 19:4** Wealth brings many new friends,
but a poor man is deserted by his friend.
- Proverbs 19:6** Many seek the favor of a generous man,
and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.
- 7** All a poor man's brothers hate him;
how much more do his friends go far from him!
He pursues them with words, but does not have them.
- Proverbs 19:11** Good sense makes one slow to anger,
and it is his glory to overlook an offense.
- Proverbs 19:17** Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will repay him for his deed.
- Proverbs 19:20** Listen to advice and accept instruction,
that you may gain wisdom in the future.
- Proverbs 20:3** It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife,
but every fool will be quarreling.

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- Proverbs 20:6** Many a man proclaims his own steadfast love,
but a faithful man who can find?
- Proverbs 20:19** Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets;
therefore do not associate with a simple babblers.
- Proverbs 20:22** Do not say, "I will repay evil";
wait for the LORD, and he will deliver you.
- Proverbs 21:10** The soul of the wicked desires evil;
his neighbor finds no mercy in his eyes.
- Proverbs 22:8** Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of his fury will fail.
- 9** Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed,
for he shares his bread with the poor.
- 10** Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out,
and quarreling and abuse will cease.
- 11** He who loves purity of heart,
and whose speech is gracious, will have the king as his friend.
- Proverbs 22:24** Make no friendship with a man given to anger,
nor go with a wrathful man,
- 25** lest you learn his ways
and entangle yourself in a snare.
- 26** Be not one of those who give pledges,
who put up security for debts.
- 27** If you have nothing with which to pay,
why should your bed be taken from under you?
- 28** Do not move the ancient landmark
that your fathers have set.
- Proverbs 23:6** Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy;
do not desire his delicacies,
- 7** for he is like one who is inwardly calculating.
"Eat and drink!" he says to you,
but his heart is not with you.
- 8** You will vomit up the morsels that you have eaten,
and waste your pleasant words.
- Proverbs 23:10** Do not move an ancient landmark
or enter the fields of the fatherless,
- Proverbs 23:20** Be not among drunkards
or among gluttonous eaters of meat,
- 21** for the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty,
and slumber will clothe them with rags.

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- Proverbs 24:1** Be not envious of evil men,
nor desire to be with them,
2 for their hearts devise violence,
and their lips talk of trouble.
- Proverbs 24:17** Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles,
18 lest the LORD see it and be displeased,
and turn away his anger from him.
- Proverbs 24:26** Whoever gives an honest answer
kisses the lips.
- Proverbs 24:28** Be not a witness against your neighbor without cause,
and do not deceive with your lips.
29 Do not say, "I will do to him as he has done to me;
I will pay the man back for what he has done."
- Proverbs 25:7b** What your eyes have seen
8 do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
9 Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
10 lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.
- Proverbs 25:17** Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house,
lest he have his fill of you and hate you.
18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor
is like a war club, or a sword, or a sharp arrow.
- Proverbs 25:20** Whoever sings songs to a heavy heart
is like one who takes off a garment on a cold day,
and like vinegar on soda.
21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat,
and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink,
22 for you will heap burning coals on his head,
and the LORD will reward you.
- Proverbs 26:17** Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own
is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears.
18 Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death
19 is the man who deceives his neighbor
and says, "I am only joking!"
20 For lack of wood the fire goes out,
and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.
21 As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.

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22 The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels;
they go down into the inner parts of the body.

Proverbs 26:24 Whoever hates disguises himself with his lips
and harbors deceit in his heart;
25 when he speaks graciously, believe him not,
for there are seven abominations in his heart;
26 though his hatred be covered with deception,
his wickedness will be exposed in the assembly.
27 Whoever digs a pit will fall into it,
and a stone will come back on him who starts it rolling.
28 A lying tongue hates its victims,
and a flattering mouth works ruin.

Proverbs 27:5 Better is open rebuke
than hidden love.
6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 27:9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.
10 Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend,
and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity.
Better is a neighbor who is near
than a brother who is far away.

Proverbs 27:13 Take a man's garment when he has put up security for a stranger,
and hold it in pledge when he puts up security for an adulteress.
14 Whoever blesses his neighbor with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
will be counted as cursing.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 29:1 He who is often reprov'd, yet stiffens his neck,
will suddenly be broken beyond healing.

Proverbs 29:11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit,
but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Proverbs 29:22 A man of wrath stirs up strife,
and one given to anger causes much transgression.

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.