"WISDOM ABOUT FRIENDSHIPS"

What is friendship?

A mutual commitment between believers to companionship, to love, and to spiritual growth.

I. Why do I need friends?

1. Advice
2. Encouragement

3. Help
4. Companionship

II. Who is <u>not really my friend</u>?

A false friend is one who:

1. Is <u>not sincere</u> with you (27:6)

2. Is only interested in what he can <u>get from you</u> (14:20; 19:4, 6-7)

3. Is <u>hot-tempered</u> and easily

angered (22:24)

4. Is always <u>getting you</u> into <u>trouble</u> (13:20; 16:17-19)

5. Is always <u>looking</u> for <u>trouble</u> (1:10-19; 4:14-19)

***<u>Types of "Friendships</u>":**

1) <u>Spiritual</u> Friendships

2) Social Friendships

3) Superficial Friendships

4) Selfish Friendships

5) Sinister Friendships

III. Who is a true spiritual friend?

A true friend is one who:

1. **Sticks to his friend faithfully**

2. **Edifies his friend verbally**

    a. **Honest rebuke**
    b. **Honest advice**
    c. **Honest encouragement**

3. **Loves his friend continually**

4. **Forgives** his friend **cheerfully**

5. **Trusts** his friend **confidently**

6. **Treats** his friend **respectfully**

IV. How do I gain friends?

1. Be friendly
2. Be sincere
3. Be graceful with your tongue
4. Be faithful to your friends

*Basically, be what you should be, and you will meet and become friends with those who are like you.

V. Who do I look for to be my friend?

1. Someone who is saved
2. Someone who evidences Godly wisdom
3. Someone who is not worldly
4. Someone who will build me up, not tear me down

***Basically, someone who knows, loves, and obeys Jesus Christ.**