

BEFRIEND

GOD HAS CREATED US TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

**FRIENDS LIKE
FAMILY**

1) FAKE FRIENDS

While there is stigma in regards to poverty, you need to know that there is also a biblical stigma to being rich

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People are quick to make friends
for all the wrong reasons

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²⁰ The poor are shunned even by their
neighbours, but the rich have many friends.

Proverbs 14:20

This is a church for any person,
whether rich or poor

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⁴ Wealth attracts many friends, but even the closest friend of the poor person deserts them.

Proverbs 19:4

People should accept you for WHO
you are, but more importantly
WHOSE you are

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⁷ The poor are shunned by all their relatives—how much more do their friends avoid them! Though the poor pursue them with pleading, they are nowhere to be found.

Proverbs 19:7

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Hebrews 13:5

⁶ Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?

Proverbs 20:6

2) FOOLISH FRIENDS

²⁷ Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. ²⁸ Do not say to your neighbour, “Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”—when you already have it with you.

Proverbs 3:27-30

²⁹ Do not plot harm against your neighbour,
who lives trustfully near you. ³⁰ Do not accuse
anyone for no reason—when they have done
you no harm.

Proverbs 3:27-30

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 2:44-45

Christians must become the kind of
people who share

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¹² Whoever derides their neighbour has no sense, but the one who has understanding holds their tongue.

Proverbs 11:12

¹⁷ Seldom set foot in your neighbour's house—too much of you, and they will hate you.

Proverbs 25:17

¹⁰ Do not forsake your friend or a friend of your family, and do not go to your relative's house when disaster strikes you—better a neighbour nearby than a relative far away.

Proverbs 27:10

3) FAITHFUL FRIENDS

One hope... ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
⁶ one God and Father

Ephesians 4:4-6

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

Proverbs 17:17

²⁴ One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

A faithful friend can in fact take a
role that is much closer than a
literal sibling

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

Proverbs 27:9

As iron sharpens iron, so one person
sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labour: ¹⁰ 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.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10



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