

NOTES FROM "THE PLACE"

Quantity or Quality?" Or "How to Keep and Be a Real Friend"

Proverbs 12:26 A righteous man is cautious in friendship, ^a but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor, But the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 17:9 He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends.

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 18:24 A man of *too many* friends *comes* to ruin, But there is a ² friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 27:9-10 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, So a man's counsel is sweet to his friend. Do not forsake your own friend or 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 far away.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. ¹⁰ For if ¹ either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not ² another to lift him up. ¹¹ Furthermore, if two lie down together they ¹ keep warm, but ^A how can one be warm *alone*? ¹² And if ¹ one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three *strands* is not quickly torn apart.

John 15:12-17 "This is ^A My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ "A Greater love has no one than this, that one ^B lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ "You are My ^A friends if ^B you do what I command you. ¹⁵ "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for ^A all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ "A You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and ^B bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that ^C whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. ¹⁷ "This ^A I command you, that you love one another.