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Shades of Friendship

1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

<https://bible.com/bible/111/1co.15.33.NIV>

Proverbs 13:20 ESV

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.13.20.ESV>

Counterfeit friends

1. Fake Friends

Proverbs 14:20 ESV

The poor is disliked even by his neighbor, but the rich has many friends.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.14.20.ESV>

Proverbs 19:4 ESV

Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.19.4.ESV>

Proverbs 19:6 ESV

Many seek the favor of a generous man, and everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.19.6.ESV>

2. Gossiping friend.

Proverbs 16:28 ESV

A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.16.28.ESV>

Proverbs 26:20 ESV

For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.26.20.ESV>

3. Clingy friend.

Proverbs 25:17 ESV

Let your foot be seldom in your neighbor's house, lest he have his fill of you and hate you.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.25.17.ESV>

Fair-weather friend.

Proverbs 19:22 ESV

What is desired in a man is steadfast love, and a poor man is better than a liar.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.19.22.ESV>

Proverbs 25:19 ESV

Trusting in a treacherous man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth or a foot that slips.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.25.19.ESV>

Deadly Friendships

1. Angry Friend.

Proverbs 22:24-25 ESV

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.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.22.24-25.ESV>

2. Rebellious Friend

Proverbs 24:21-22 ESV

21 My son, fear the Lord and the king, and do not join with those who do otherwise, 22 for disaster will arise suddenly from them, and who knows the ruin that will come from them both?

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.24.21-22.ESV>

3. Enabling Friend.

Proverbs 27:6 ESV

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.27.6.ESV>

4. Sin buddy.

Proverbs 28:7 ESV

The one who keeps the law is a son with understanding, but a companion of gluttons shames his father.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.28.7.ESV>

Beautiful Friendships

1. A Friend that chooses you.

Proverbs 18:24 ESV

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.18.24.ESV>

2. A friend that has unconditional love.

Proverbs 17:17 ESV

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

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.17.17.ESV>

3. A friend that helps you live out your calling and purpose.

Proverbs 27:17 ESV

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/pro.27.17.ESV>

Jesus: The beautiful friend.

John 15:12-17 ESV

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jhn.15.12-17.ESV>

1. He chose you!

John 15:16 ESV

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.

<https://bible.com/bible/59/jhn.15.16.ESV>

2. He showed His unconditional love.

John 15:13 ESV

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<https://bible.com/bible/59/jhn.15.13.ESV>

3. He helps us live out our calling and our purpose.

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