



Unlocking Wisdom Part 6

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Two Paths

[Proverbs 4:18-19 NLT] 18 The way of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, which shines ever brighter until the full light of day. 19 But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.

[Proverbs 16:17 NIV] 17 The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their ways preserve their lives.

Others can lead us into the wrong path!

[Proverbs 12:26 NLT] 26 The godly give good advice to their friends; the wicked lead them astray.

Friendship

- A close and affectionate relationship between two or more individuals who share mutual trust, understanding, and support
- Characterized by warmth, companionship, and a sense of camaraderie.
- A genuine care and concern for one another's well-being, as well as a willingness to listen, empathize, and offer assistance when needed and admonish when necessary.
- Involves mutual respect, loyalty, and the ability to be oneself without fear of judgment is allowed.
- Brings joy, shared experiences, and emotional fulfillment.
- Is a gift that enriches our lives, providing love, encouragement, and companionship along our journey in the path of life.

Friends are not only present in our joys but also stand with us in times of trouble

[Proverbs 17:17 NLT] 17 A friend is always loyal, and a brother is born to help in time of need.

Friendships offer wise counsel and guidance. Challenging us to think critically, evaluate our perspectives changing them if need be and ultimately make godly decisions.

[Proverbs 13:20 NLT] 20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

Friendships help us taste of God's unconditional love and His transformative power when we choose to walk in "friendship"

[Proverbs 27:17 NLT] 17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

"One Another" Friendship

[Colossians 3:12-15 NLT] 12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. 13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

"Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, 'What! You too? I thought I was the only one.'" - C.S. Lewis