

PROVERBS BY THE DOZEN

# Friends & Acquaintances





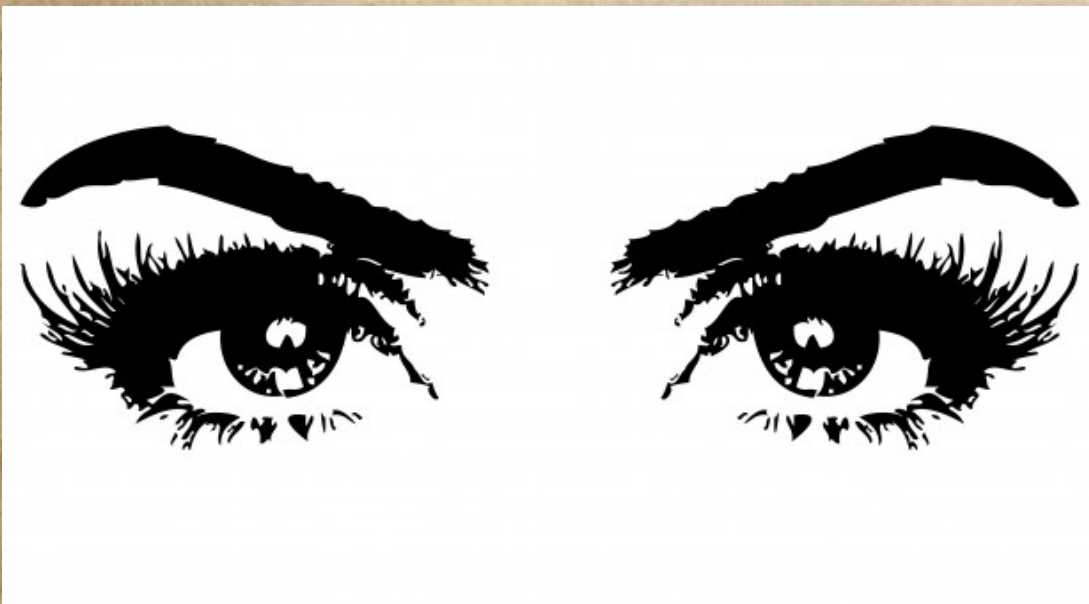
My son, if sinners  
entice you,  
do not consent.

My son, do not walk  
in the way with them.  
Keep your feet from  
their path.

Proverbs 1:10, 15

*First step: Know who you are following.  
Enticements involve something you want, but the end  
is never what you thought you would get.  
"Sinners" may be very beautiful, smart, and funny.  
"Virtual sinners" are the most dangerous: those you  
let in through television, books, and the internet.*





*This was written to men who are caught by the eyes of a flirtatious woman, but it also applies to young women who are bombarded by images of beauty that encourage them to learn the sultry and seductive look.*

*Stay away from magazines and articles that encourage worldly beauty and an unfaithful heart.*

*Women who model sensuality are NOT your friend!*

Do not desire her  
beauty in your heart,  
nor let her capture you  
with her eyelids.

Proverbs 6:25





*Say to wisdom,  
“You are my sister.”  
Call understanding your  
intimate friend.  
Proverbs 7:4*

***Doing the “right thing” or the “wise thing” at times may feel like a very lonely path, especially when watching and comparing with people around you—but there is a comfort in walking in wisdom and you are never alone.***

***Getting understanding takes time and intentional effort, just like any friendship. There is a sweet reward.***





**He who walks with  
wise men will be wise,  
but the companion of  
fools will suffer harm.**

**Proverbs 13:20**

*It's not "might" suffer harm. It's "will" suffer harm.*

*One quality friend is better than 1,000 likes on Facebook.*

*The people in your inner circle of friends will match  
where the direction of your life is going at that moment.*





He who conceals  
a transgression  
seeks love,  
but he who repeats  
a matter  
separates intimate  
friends.

Proverbs 17:9

*Worst words to hear or say: "This was shared  
confidentially, so please don't tell anyone."  
The person in front of you does not need to  
hear what the person absent from you did.*





*"I not only do not want a wall between us, I don't even want a brick laid." –Don Burnett, Jr.*

*It takes a lot of work to be on the same side with someone after you've offended them.  
Don't be easily offended by others.*

**A BROTHER  
OFFENDED IS  
HARDER TO BE  
WON THAN A  
STRONG CITY,  
AND CONTENTIONS  
ARE LIKE THE  
BARS OF A  
CITADEL.  
PROVERBS 18:19**





*Many a man  
proclaims his own  
loyalty,  
But who can find  
a trustworthy  
man?*

*Proverbs 20:6*

***Don't promise to help someone in order to seem like a kind person and then back out when the actual need arises.***

***If you find someone who is loyal in their friendship during difficult times, you have found a treasure.***





He who loves  
purity of heart  
and whose speech is  
gracious,  
the king is his friend.

Proverbs 22:11

*Being genuine and kind is noticed.*

*Those in high places appreciate genuineness and  
gracious honesty—not flattery or pretention.*





Better is open rebuke,  
than love that is concealed.  
Faithful are the wounds of a  
friend, but deceitful are the  
kisses of an enemy.

Proverbs 27:5-6

***If your friend will not tell you the truth, even when it is  
going to hurt, then no one else will.***

***A person who tells you something difficult when they  
have nothing to gain by doing so, is looking out for your  
well-being. Listen to them!***





*Oil and perfume make the  
heart glad,  
So a man's counsel is  
sweet to his friend.*

*Proverbs 27:9*

*It's a sweet feeling when a friend asks for your  
thoughts and opinions and then acts on them.*

*Take the counsel of wise friends and act on it.*





Do not forsake your own  
friend or your father's  
friend...

Better is a neighbor who  
is near than a brother far  
away.

Proverbs 27:10

*Make friends wherever you are.  
When you are in need, those are the people who will  
help you even though they are not family.  
Don't be clannish by only asking your family for help.  
Be humble and help your neighbor.*





Iron sharpens iron,  
so one man  
sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17

***“It’s not fair to compare.” –Linda B. Seals  
Don’t have a competitive spirit with someone else’s  
abilities, looks, or accomplishments. Rather use those  
things as encouragement to grow stronger as a person.  
Your abilities are helping them, too.***

***The things that irritate you in someone else may be the  
very means of rubbing down a rough spot in yourself.***



# How to Keep a Proverbs Notebook

The Book of Proverbs has 31 chapters and can be easily read by doing **one chapter each day**.

**Whichever date it is, read that chapter of Proverbs.**

Example: On the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month, read chapter 5. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of the month, read chapter 23.

**Do not try to “catch up”** on chapters if you miss a day—just read that day’s chapter of Proverbs.

The simplest notebook is **to write your favorite verse** from the chapter. The next month when you read through, choose a different favorite verse. At the end of the year, you will have 12 verses written from each chapter.

Or, for more of a challenge, **look for different themes** each time you read through the book, and write the verses you find in your notebook. Here are some common themes:

- “My son...”
- Wisdom
- Money
- Friends
- Speaking
- Heart matters
- Women
- Fools
- Work

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