

## Friends *Worth Having*

Throughout the book of Proverbs are several \_\_\_\_\_  
and clues of what to watch for in who you grow close to.

We often don't realize how much we begin to travel  
the path of those we're around.

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or  
stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,  
Psalm 1:1*

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."  
1 Corinthians 15:33*

There are those ***prone*** to \_\_\_\_\_. 17:4, 9b, 20

*The lips of fools bring them strife, and their mouths invite a  
beating. <sup>7</sup> The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips  
are a snare to their very lives. <sup>8</sup> The words of a gossip are like  
choice morsels; they go down to the inmost parts. Prov. 18:6 - 8*

The draw to all that \_\_\_\_\_ is that it distracts  
from the need for personal change.

There are those who ***value*** \_\_\_\_\_. 17:10

(Even if it's painful)

*Stay away from a fool, for you will not find knowledge on their  
lips. The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways,  
but the folly of the fool is deception. Proverbs 14:7 - 8*

The desire to keep \_\_\_\_\_  
increases our chances of personal change.

*Like the useless legs of one who is lame is a proverb in the mouth  
of a fool. // <sup>9</sup> Like a thornbush in a drunkard's hand is a proverb  
in the mouth of a fool. Proverbs 26:7 & 9*

There are those ***prone*** to \_\_\_\_\_. 17:14 & 19

*Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an  
insult. Proverbs 12:16*

*A quick-tempered person does foolish things, and the one who  
devises evil schemes is hated. Proverbs 14:17*

*Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than  
one who takes a city. Proverbs 16:32*

The quick temper, harsh words and eagerness to argue  
***doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.***  
***It only pollutes the atmosphere.***

The quick temper, harsh words and eagerness to argue  
***comes from a familiar pattern in the brain and a  
\_\_\_\_\_ heart and mind.***

There are those who ***value*** \_\_\_\_\_.  
17:9a, 17, 27-28

*Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.  
Proverbs 10:12*

*Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-  
tempered displays folly. Proverbs 14:29*

Trust and influence are best accomplished  
in \_\_\_\_\_ and love.

*... There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be  
lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful,  
proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful,  
unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-  
control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash,  
conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—  
2 Timothy 3:1-4*

### Optional Readings:

Watch for relationship qualities **Proverbs 18 – 31**