## Proverbs 12.26 –Words to Teens 5Friends

Proverbs 12.26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

\* **How do** we typically answer the question, "What is a true friend?"

\* **So many** friends don't \_\_\_\_\_ friends. Two people are close friends until they . And then they are usually

\* In the Bible, and in life, most conflicts, betrayals, animosity, and hatred are among those who are supposedly, or were

\* At the same time, the Bible teaches us that there is such a thing as a friend in the truest and fullest sense of the word, but they are extremely \_\_\_\_\_ and are worth their weight

Prov 18.24 A man of many friends [rea] comes to ruin, But there is a

Prov 3.27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in your power to do it. 28 Do not say to your neighbor [rea], "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it," When you have it with

Lev 19.18 ... you shall love your neighbor [rea] as yourself ...

friend [aheb] who sticks closer than a brother.

you.

formerly, \_\_\_\_\_\_.

. What account do they usually give?

* What two points from CS Lewis' The Four Loves help us understand what Solomon is getting at in our text?				
1) Friendship is based on common				
2) Friendship the characteristics of				
those in the circle for good or ill.				
* Solomon's point is, what a true friend is,				
and your friends carefully.				
* Name two Bible characters that show us what true				
friendship is: and				
- What are the key characteristics of their friendship?				
* In true friendship, these 3 things always line up: the				
of God, the of your friend, and your own				
But only true in God can enable you to see that and act on it. Only then are you				
to seek a friend's blessing and receive God's				

blessing for doing so.

* Two Bible characters that show us what most friendships are based on and why they are fragile:		– more	or less?'	
		– more or		
(1Kg 3	3.16-28).			
		* What are two telltale signs that you are in a "friendship" that is actively leading you in the "way of the wicked"?		
		1)		
		glorified, and justified.	15 1000000 011,	
		giormou, and justified.		
* What mentality are we all born with as fallen people	e?			
		2), which ma	akes # 1), as well as the	
		relationship itself, seem extra	•	
* You don't have a true friend unless you have some	one			
who loves you; they want				
objective from God's perspective, no matt	-	You must from	m these relationships.	
Both of you must be free in order to love as a true frier				
- free not to		* Three applications:		
- free not to		(1) Sometimes you care about someone	e and want to	
- free not to		them, but you must accept the	e fact that God in his	
- free not to		providence has not placed you in a pos	ition to them,	
		other than for them ar	nd being a good	
That comes only from knowing that God is		Continuing in a comp	promised relationship is	
out for you, and that he is the one who calls you to seek another's objective good as part of your own		not objectively good for them, for it		
		for the wrong things and sends the wrong		
, , ,		Continuing in such a relationship certain	nly isn't for	
		you, nor is it	_ to God.	
* One of the most important questions to ask with reg	gard to			
any friendship is, "What is its on me	e?	(2) If the of God and the	of God are no	
As a result of the 'friendship' am I		fully welcome in your relationship, it is a	a compromised	
- more	or less?"	relationship, and not a true friendship.		
– more				
– more		(3) In the nature of things, your true bosom friends will be very		
– more		over the course of a lifetime. Not only do they		
– more		require much time, but also true	on many	
– more		levels $-$ love for God, his word and will, shared secondary		
– more		interests, and personalities that mesh.	All those together are	
– more		hard to find.		

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