

Proverbs 27:1-17 – Wisdom to Live By – Friendship

1. The importance of true friendship

"A man of many companions may come to ruin,
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Pr 18:24)

2. The marks of true friendship

(a) Constancy

"A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity" (Pr 17:17)

"Many a man claims to have unfailing love,
but a faithful man who can find?" (Pr 20:6)

(b) Candour

(c) Care

"Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day,
or like vinegar poured on soda,
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart." (Pr 25:20)

3. The source of true friendship

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:15)