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wise friendships



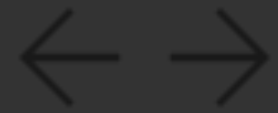
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quote on friendship by Tim Keller X

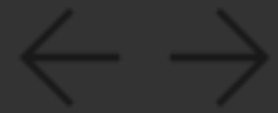


“Adam was not lonely because he was imperfect, but because he was perfect. The ache for friendship is the one ache that is not the result of sin ... This is one ache that is part of his perfection.”



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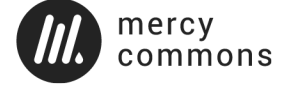
“This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our sorrows and doubles our joys.”



- 1 **Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;  
he breaks out against all sound judgment.**



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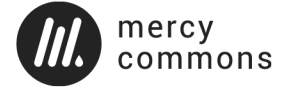


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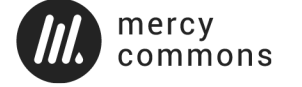
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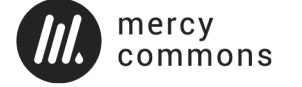
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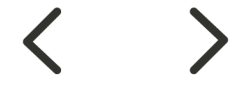


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how we define a friend directly  
affects what we look for





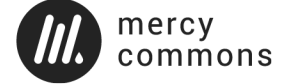
**26** The righteous should **choose his friends carefully,**  
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.



**19** I hope in the Lord Jesus to **send Timothy** to see you soon so that I may be encouraged by hearing about you. **20** I have no one like him. He is a person who **genuinely cares** about your **well-being**. **21** All the others put **their own business ahead of Jesus Christ's business**. **22** You know his **character**, how he **labors** with me for the gospel like a son works with his father.



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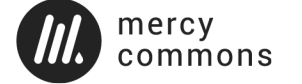
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Timothy's character is defined by his labor for the gospel and care for the church.



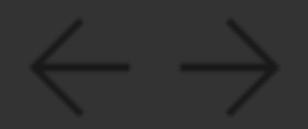
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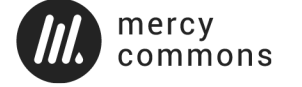
A wise friendship is a space where you are **known, loved, and challenged** to remind you **who you are and how to live.**



“At its core, it’s companionship forged in the fire of the conviction that Jesus alone can satisfy our souls. **Our friendships should foster dependence on God, not just on one another.**”



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how can we be better friends?





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## How to be a better friend.



1. Present and sacrificial

### **Proverbs 18:24**

**A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.**





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## How to be a better friend.



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### **Proverbs 17:17**

**A friend loves at all times,  
and a brother is born for  
adversity.**



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## How to be a better friend.



1. Present and sacrificial

2. Purposeful in shaping

### Proverbs 27:5-6

5 Open **rebuke** *is* better  
Than **love** carefully **concealed**.

6 **Faithful** *are* the **wounds** of  
a friend, But the **kisses** of an  
**enemy** *are* deceitful.



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Oscar Wilde said "*true friends stab you in the front.*"



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### **Proverbs 27:17**

**Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another.**



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### **Proverbs 25:20**

**Singing cheerful songs** to a person with a **heavy heart** is like taking someone's coat in cold weather or **pouring vinegar in a wound.**



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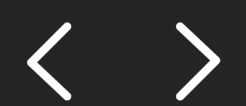
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**John 15:13-16**



13 No one has greater love than to **give up one's life for one's friends.** 14 **You are my friends** if you do what I command you. 15 I don't call you servants any longer, because servants don't know what their master is doing. **Instead, I call you friends,** because everything I heard from My Father I have made known to you.



16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you **could go and produce fruit and so that your fruit could last.** As a result, whatever you ask the Father in My name, he will give you.





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