

South Salem Sunday night series...

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exceptional wisdom for a successful life

A scenic landscape featuring a large, leafy tree in the center-right, a field of tall, golden-brown grass in the foreground, and a bright sun low on the horizon behind the tree, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is a clear, deep blue with some light clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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Being a True Friend

What kind of a friend are you?



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Being a True Friend

I. True Friends Often Closer Than Family

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

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

Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)

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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I. True Friends Often Closer Than Family

Proverbs 27:10 (ESV)

- 10** Do not forsake your friend and your father's friend, and do not go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity. **Better is a neighbor who is near than a brother who is far away.**

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II. True Friends Are Not Superficial

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

17 **A friend loves at all times . . .**

Proverbs 19:4 (ESV)

⁴ Wealth brings many new friends, but a poor man is deserted by his friend.

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II. True Friends Are Not Superficial

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

17 **A friend loves at all times . . .**

Proverbs 19:6–7 (ESV)

⁶ Many seek the favor of a generous man, and **everyone is a friend to a man who gives gifts.**

⁷ All a poor man's brothers hate him; **how much more do his friends go far from him!** He pursues them with words, but does not have them.

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II. True Friends Are Not Superficial

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

17 **A friend loves at all times . . .**

Proverbs 17:9 (ESV)

9 Whoever covers an offense **seeks love**,
but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

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III. True Friends Always Speak The Truth

Proverbs 28:23 (ESV)

²³ Whoever rebukes a man will afterward find more favor than he who flatters with his tongue.

Proverbs 27:5–6 (ESV)

⁵ Better is open rebuke than **hidden love**.

⁶ Faithful are the **wounds of a friend**; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

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III. True Friends Always Speak The Truth

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)

17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 17:10 (ESV)

10 A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool.



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III. True Friends Always Speak The Truth

Proverbs 11:14 (ESV)

14 Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 15:22 (ESV)

22 Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.



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IV. Be Careful Who Your Friends Are

Proverbs 12:26 (ESV)

26 One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.



— THIS IS MY COMMANDEMENT —

THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

GREATER LOVE

HAS NO ONE

than this, that someone
≡ LAY DOWN HIS LIFE ≡
for his friends

JOHN
15:12-13