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Wisdom for Relationships | Proverbs 13:20

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S U M M A R Y

We continued in our Series from Proverbs, "Becoming Wise", by looking at wisdom for relationships. God invites us to walk closely with the kinds of people that are wise and in turn we become wise like them. The reverse is also true. Thankfully, God gives us the kind of qualities we can be looking for in others and ourselves.

R E A D

Proverbs 13:20 | Proverbs 6:16-19

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

- 1) How would you summarize what the Proverbs are calling us toward in regard to choosing our friends? How do we avoid being judgmental or proud in the process?

Take some time to review the things we are steer clear from when inviting someone into a place of influence in our lives:

- Haughty Eyes
 - A Lying Tongue
 - Hands that Shed Innocent Blood
 - Hearts that Devise Wicked Schemes
 - A False Witness
 - Stirs Up Conflict in the Community
- 2) Have you ever been hurt by any of these characteristics by someone close to you? What was the impact?

- 3) What is a wise and Christ-like way to handle a friend that you know is not a good influence in your life?
- 4) Who are the friends in your life that you are thankful to God for? How they been an influence that has made you more like Jesus?
- 5) Are there any of the characteristics in the list that you are feeling conviction about? What is the growth area God may be revealing for you to become a better friend to others?

R E S P O N D

Encourage a friend that has been a good influence in your life and tell them what they mean to you.

Take a step of friendship with someone you see as wise.

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for genuine Christ-centered friendships that bring fullness to our lives. Pray for courage to put up healthy boundaries in relationships that are not a good influence and for wisdom in choosing the right influences in our lives.

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

