



Proverbs Daily Dose of Wisdom Devotional



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Solomon gives us so many tremendous nuggets of wisdom for how to live a right life that is pleasing to God. He is showing us here in this chapter that God not only cares about the big stuff in our lives, but he also has great care for the smaller details, and if we are being honest here, how easy is it really for us to forget that in the daily hustle and bustle of our day to day lives?

God has called us to love one another, to be good friends, but how do we do that when we are surrounded by so many people with differing views, political stances, and negative attitudes? I know in my personal life, there have been times where the encouragement, love, correction, and support from my true Godly friends have been the driving force that carried me through some very tough times. We need each other, and we need each other to be honest, to correct us when needed, and to hold us accountable. We need friends who point us to Christ!

Proverbs 27:5 says "A truly good friend will openly correct you. 6 You can trust a friend who corrects you, but kisses from an enemy are nothing but lies."

I think God is showing us here not only how to tell if our friends truly have our best interest at heart, but also how to BE a good friend to others. When you love and care for your friends, you want God's best for their lives. It's so important to remember that when we come from a place of love, a correction or rebuke used constructively to help each other turn from, or realize, our sin nature will help us to line back up with God's will for our lives and seek God's truth. Otherwise, we are all just sitting back on the sidelines watching each other make dangerous mistakes, which doesn't help anybody, and leads to a path of destruction very quickly.

Proverbs 27:17 is my favorite in this chapter. It says, "Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other."

So, first, how do you sharpen iron? You rub it together until the dull parts are gently shaved off, revealing the new, sharp blade, right? Well, just the same, we need our friends. We need their wise counsel, encouragement, and we need them to hold us accountable.

I need my friends when I am in a state of anxiety over something silly to say, "Hey, are you truly waking in faith if you are full of worry and anxiety? Do you not believe God is big enough to handle that, or that He is in control and wants the best for your life?" That kind of correction and accountability, from a place of love from a true friend will instantly bring so much peace to your life and can completely turn your day around and lead you right back to Jesus!

God places people in our paths every day for a reason; He knows we need each other, how awesome is that? It is my prayer that today you are a true, Godly friend to those you encounter, and that you are surrounded by wise friends who continue to sharpen you and point you to Christ!

What verse stood out to me _____

What is God's wisdom to me _____

What can I do today to go forward with God's wisdom in my life _____

Nikki Anderson is a 36 year old widow and single mom to a beautiful 9 year old daughter, Londyn. She lost her husband at 30 years of age to an undiagnosed illness after a 2 year hospitalization in 4 different hospitals nationwide. Her daughter was only 3 1/2 when her Daddy passed away. Though this path is not one that either of them would have chosen for their lives, they have learned to find joy in even the smallest things, to make every day count by living every day to the fullest. God has carried them both through moments when they felt they weren't strong enough to stand on their own and He has made His face ever present in their daily lives! "We have learned to really lean into God for strength and to praise Him through it all because He truly is so good to us!"