

Scripture Verses on Godly Friendship

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.

A godly friend can be even closer to you than your own family.

Proverbs 22:24–25 (ESV)

24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger,
nor go with a wrathful man,
25 lest you learn his ways
and entangle yourself in a snare.

A godly friend doesn't fly off the handle or try to drag you into fights and feuds.

Proverbs 13:20 (ESV)

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

A godly friend will give you wise counsel. How do you know their advice is wise? It will always be consistent with God's word.

Proverbs 17:17 (ESV)

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

A godly friend will always love you through good times and bad; especially the bad times. Thomas Fuller said, "Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs."

Proverbs 27:17 (ESV)

17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one man sharpens another.

Godly friends help each other to grow in godliness.

Proverbs 27:6 (ESV)

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

When others are telling you what you want to hear, a godly friend will tell you what you need to hear in a spirit of love and care.

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.

A godly friend is loyal; better to have one godly friend than lots of companions.

In John 15:13 (ESV) Jesus said,

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

A godly friend is willing to sacrifice for you. You may not be called upon to literally give you life for a friend. Sadly we sometimes get so caught up in our lives that we won't even inconvenience ourselves for a friend.