

A Friend Loveth at all Times

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PROVERBS 17:17

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

PROVERBS 18:24

²⁴A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

⁹Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. ¹⁰For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? ¹²And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

57-0308 - THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP

E-8) And wouldn't it be good if all God's sheep, when the heat was on, would stand together. When the trials are real hard, and the heat is on, and everything going on everywhere, if all of God's little sheep would just stand together, we'd have the coolness of the shade of each other, the comfort, to lean upon each other. Now, someone said, "Is that necessary, Brother Branham?" It certainly is. There's nothing like having a real good dependable friend, that when the troubles are blazing, the heat's on, you can go to this friend, and set down, and just explain it to them, talk it over in personal confidence, and then kneel down and pray together, and know that this person is a good God-saved man or woman that you can put confidence in. Oh, it's good to do that.

HEBREWS 10:23-25

²³Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) ²⁴And let us consider one another to **provoke** unto love and to good works: ²⁵Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but **exhorting** one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

3948 » **paroxusmos** {par-ox-oos-mos'
-- contention ... so sharp (1)
-- to provoke unto + 1519 (1) [2]

1) an inciting, incitement
2) irritation

3870 » **parakaleo** {par-ak-al-eh'-o}
-- beseech (43)
-- comfort (23)
-- exhort (21)
-- desire (8)
-- pray (6)
-- intreat (3)
-- misc (4) [108]

l) to call to one's side, call for, summon

II) to address, speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.

1) **to admonish, exhort**

2) to beg, entreat, beseech; to strive to appease by entreaty

3) **to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation**, to comfort; to receive consolation, be comforted

4) **to encourage, strengthen**

5) exhorting and comforting and encouraging

6) **to instruct, teach**

PROVERBS 27:17

¹⁷Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

PROVERBS 27:5-6

⁵Open rebuke is better than secret love. ⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

65-0427 - DOES GOD CHANGE HIS MIND

157) What if you seen a man that you loved, out in a boat floating right down towards the falls, and know that boat was going to sink with him, and you say, "Well, I love him, but he--he's got his own ways"? No, I couldn't do that. That's not in me. I'd scream, run out and grab him, shake him, jerk him in, or anything else, to get him out of there, see.

63-0412M - THE WORLD IS FALLING APART

67) What if a junior stands out here in the street, and he's out there making a mud pile in the middle of the street, where them cars are passing by? You say, "Junior, bless your little heart, honey. You shouldn't be setting out there. When you get ready, come in." That's not love. You don't love your child. And you'd take him out there, and jerk him out of that street. And get you a stick and teach him he shouldn't go out there again, if you really love him.

PROVERBS 28:23

²³He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue.

56-0930 - HEAR YE HIM

E-7) ...And when I see that rank being broke here, and let down here on the morals of the people, and I just can't stand it. I got to fly into it; that's just all I can do. And I believe at the judgment bar you will love me better if I tell you the truth now.

EPHESIANS 4:13-16

¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: ¹⁴That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: ¹⁶From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

61-0410 - CONFERENCES

E-98) She was a church member. Yes, sir. Her pastor standing there, smoking a cigarette when she was dying. You know what she said to him, "You deceiver of men. You told me I was right; and you were wrong." She said, "I'm dying and I'm lost, and you're the cause of it."

PROVERBS 29:5

⁵A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet.

55-0611 - WHAT IS THAT IN THY HAND

E-86) ...Now, this old fashion, sassafras preaching may be rough as it can be, but, brother, that's all I know. That's what saved me. And that's all I know. I... All I know... I don't want to offend you, but I sure would rather offend you a little now, that gets you right with God and know I have to stand there that day, and you point your finger in my face, and say, "Why didn't you tell me the truth?" See? I'd rather have it fixed up now, wouldn't you, all settled?

63-0317M - GOD HIDING HIMSELF IN SIMPLICITY THEN REVEALING HIMSELF IN THE SAME

52) Remember, love is corrective (See?), always. Genuine love is corrective. So you must be able to stand the correction.

50-0405 - EXPECTATION

E-2) I've all my life, I've cherished friends. There's nothing I love like people, and I wanted people to love me.

50-0820A - MY LIFE STORY

E-28) I was misunderstood so much till when I'd be talking on the street to someone and somebody else would come up, well, they'd walk away and leave me stand. And I love people, but no one had nothing to do with me. I was what they called the black sheep.

REVELATION 3:19

¹⁹As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

64-0322 - POSSESSING THE GATE OF THE ENEMY AFTER TRIAL

148) Genuine love is corrective, and brings you back to the Word of God.

PROVERBS 26:28

²⁸A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

PSALM 12:2

²They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

JOHN 15:12-13

¹²This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

¹⁵Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

MARK 14:50

⁵⁰And they all forsook him, and fled.

54-0509 - THE INVASION OF THE UNITED STATES

46) ...And when a man starts to get married, the type of a girl, woman that he... It's more than just look at beauty. You've got to get somebody, both soul and body joined together, somebody that's really going to be your friend and pal, that'll stick with you through thick and thin.

56-0408E - THE TIME IS AT HAND

E-11) Now, in the reading of the Gospel. I was telling Pastor Boze just a few moments ago... And I'm... want to express again outwardly I--my gratitude and appreciations to Pastor Boze. I... You know we are all, we are... We have our ups-and-downs, and there's sometimes that we have our ins-and-outs, as we call it. But Brother **Joseph has proven to be my friend in all kinds of weather**. And I love that all weather friend, don't you? **Whether you are right or wrong...** And I appreciate Brother Joseph.

JOB 2:11

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

JOB 32:3

³Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

II TIMOTHY 4:16-17

¹⁶At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. ¹⁷Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

HEBREWS 13:5-6

⁵Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

MATTHEW 28:20

²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.