



Today, we begin a new series in the book of Proverbs called “Getting My Life In Order,” and we start with a focus on friendship. Friendships have the power to shape our lives in profound ways, influencing our decisions, character, and future. As we dive into this study of Proverbs, we will explore what God’s Word teaches about building meaningful, life-giving friendships. In a world experiencing an epidemic of loneliness, the right friendships can provide wisdom, direction, and protection. Proverbs reminds us that wise friendships lead to success, while unhealthy relationships can bring harm. Through this study, we will learn how to cultivate godly friendships that strengthen our faith and help us grow into the people God created us to be.

**Key Passage:** Proverbs 13:20

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the current “epidemic of loneliness” affect people of all ages, and why is this significant?
2. What is the difference between casual and close friends, and why is it important to distinguish between them?
3. How does Proverbs 13:20 and Proverbs 27:17 illustrate the power of friendship? What does it mean when people say, “Show me your friends, and I will show you your future”?
4. Why does Proverbs emphasize the importance of seeking counsel from friends, and how does this apply in daily decision-making?
5. How do godly friendships serve as a shield, and why is this especially important as we grow older?
6. What does Proverbs say about accountability in friendships, and how should we respond when confronted by a friend?
7. Considering today’s discussion, what kind of influence are you on your closest friends? How can you intentionally become the kind of friend we have discussed?