



## Friends and Neighbors

Proverbs Lesson 12



## Won't You be My Neighbor

- It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor, won't you be mine, could you be mine. 🎵



## Lev. 19:18

“...Love thy “REA” as thyself.”

**STRONGS 7453:** REA (ray-ah)—neighbor, friend, companion, associate, acquaintance, a fellow human being.

**PROV. 3:28**—“Do not say to your “Neighbor” go and come back tomorrow and I will give it, when you have it today.”

**PROV. 14:21**—“He who despises his “Neighbor” sins, but happy is he who is gracious to the poor.”

## The 2 Greatest Commands

- **Deut. 6:5**—“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”
- **Lev. 19:18**—“...you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”



## The Good Samaritan

Luke 10: 25-37

## Who IS My Neighbor?

- A **neighbor** can be anyone we come in contact with who has a need that we can meet.
- We're to love our **neighbor** by meeting their need without prejudice or partiality, regardless of background, religion, race, or political affiliation.

## AGAPE

### VERB: AGAPAO—TO LOVE

Generally—a love that is seated in the will rather than the feelings.

It's love that chooses deliberately to set its affection on some object or person.

Most often it's used as the “highest” form of love for the Christian and the type of love that is most typical of God's nature.

## Love of Neighbor

- **Prov. 25:21**—"If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink."
- **Prov. 16:7**—"When a man's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him."
- **Prov. 14:21**—"He who despises his neighbor sins..."

- **PROV. 3:28**—"Do not say to your neighbor 'come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you' when you already have it with you."
- **1JOHN. 4:20**—"Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen."



"...I go to prepare a place for you."

**John 14:2**

"This world is full of sorrow because it is full of sin. It is a dark place. It is a lonely place. It is a disappointing place. The brightest sunbeam in it is a friend. Friendship halves our troubles and doubles our joy."

—J. C. Ryle

“A friend loves at ALL times, and a brother (sister) is born for a time of adversity.”

—Proverbs 17:17

- **KJV**—“A man that hath friends must show himself friendly...” Prov. 18:24a
- **NAS**—“A man of too many friends comes to ruin...” Prov. 18:24a
- **NIV**—“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin...” Prov. 18:24a
- **Prov. 18:24b**—“...but there is a man who sticks closer than a brother.

- **PROV. 27:10a**—“Do not forsake your friend, or a friend of your family...”
- **MATT. 5:16**—“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.”

- **PROV. 27:6**—“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy...”
- **PROV. 25:12**—“A wise correction to a receptive ear is like a gold ring or an ornament of gold.”

“This is how our friendship with Jesus begins. The gospel message is a message that STINGS before it makes us sing. The gospel wounds us in order to heal us.”

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Good counsel should only come from **trustworthy, loyal, honest, faithful** and **empathetic** friends who’ve invested time in the relationship, and who **listen** well.

**PROV. 27:9**—“Oil and perfume make the heart glad, so a man’s counsel is sweet to his friend.”

“An offended brother is harder to reach than a fortified city, and quarrels are like the bars of a fortress.”











—Proverbs 18:19



## Agree to Disagree

Romans 12:18—“...be at peace with all men.”

## The Do Bees of Friendship

- **Prov. 27:6**— Honest      **Prov. 17:9**— Forgiving
- **Prov. 27:9**— A good listener      **Prov. 27:10**— Loyal
- **Prov. 17:17**— Steadfast      **Prov. 18:19**— Sensitive
- **Prov. 20: 6**— Faithful      **Prov. 27:17**— Stimulating
- **Prov. 11:13**— Trustworthy      **Prov. 18:24**— Available

## People to Avoid

- **The Fool:** Prov. 13:20; Prov. 14:7
- **The Gossip:** Prov. 20:19
- **The Angry, Hostile:** Prov. 22:24,25; Prov. 29:22; Matt. 5:20
- **The Violent:** Prov. 16:29
- **Criminals and Thieves:** Prov. 24:1,2; Prov. 29:24
- **The Unreliable:** Prov. 24:21
- **Gluttons:** Prov. 23:20,21
- **Adulterers:** Prov. 9:13; 1 Cor. 5:11

## “They say...”

- **The Fool:** “I shouldn’t have but I did it anyway.”
- **The Gossip:** “I shouldn’t tell you this, BUT...”
- **The Angry:** “I’ll never forgive her for that.”
- **The Violent:** “Wait till I get my hands on her.”
- **Criminals/Thieves:** “I do what it takes to get ahead.” “What’s mine is mine; what’s theirs is mine.”
- **The Unreliable:** “Was it this Thursday...?”
- **Drunkards/Gluttons:** “One more, what’s it going to hurt.”
- **Adulterers:** “We’re not hurting anybody. She doesn’t love him anyway!” “God wants us to be happy”!

## Examples of Agape Love

- Jesus dying for our sins.
- Selflessly meeting the needs of others.
- Forgiving others who hurt us badly.
- Loving others by our actions.
- Putting the needs of others first.
- Being a Good Samaritan.