

**Smart Living: The Book Of Proverbs
“How To Make Great Relationships”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
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Their purpose is to teach people to **live disciplined and successful lives**, to help them do what is **right, just, and fair**. **Proverbs 1:3 (NLT2) Remember Verse**

Big Idea: If I want success in my life, then I must create **habits** that support my commitments.

Opening:

Sixty-three years ago, a man by the name of Dale Carnegie wrote a little book called How To Win Friends and Influence People. It's been printed in about 35 languages and sold about thirty million copies. Why? Because people want to know how to make relationships work. People want to know how to have confidence in interpersonal relationships.

1. Invest In A Few Great Relationships

A man of many friends comes to ruin. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24 (NASB)**

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

Proverbs 17:17 (NIV)

2. Cultivate Loyalty And Kindness

Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favor with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation.

Proverbs 3:3-4 (NLT2)

Loyalty makes a person attractive. It is better to be poor than dishonest.

Proverbs 19:22 (NLT2)

An open rebuke is better than hidden love!

Proverbs 27:5 (NLT2)

Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy.

Proverbs 27:6 (NLT2)

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 27:17 (NLT2)

3. Value Relationships Over Circumstances

A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate.

Proverbs 15:17 (NLT2)

Better a dry crust eaten in peace than a house filled with feasting—and conflict.

Proverbs 17:1 (NLT2)

Do not withhold good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them. If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you."

Proverbs 3:27-28 (NLT2)

Next Right Steps:

1. Identify the people who are the **roots** in your life.
2. Find someone that you can help **sharpen**, and also that can help **sharpen** you as well.
3. **Trust** God in your relationships this week.
4. **Accept** Jesus as the Lord of your life.

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Open your group with prayer.

Ice Breaker: What do you look for in great relationships?

How can we make those relationships better?

1. Invest In A Few Great Relationships

Read Proverbs 18:24

Is it better to have many distant friends or a few close friends?

Read Proverbs 17:17

How must we love our friends?

2. Cultivate Loyalty And Kindness

Read Proverbs 3:3-4

Why must we show loyalty and kindness?

Read Proverbs 27:17

How can we sharpen each other?

3. Value Relationships Over Circumstances

Read Hebrews 15:17

Describe a time that you valued a relationship over your circumstances:

Read Proverbs 3:27-28

If a friend asks for help, when should we help them?

Close in Prayer: Trust God in all things to lead and guide you with love and wisdom!

(Value your relationships this week!)