

# Proverbs

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THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE

*GET CONNECTED ~  
STAY CONNECTED*



# Virtual Connectivity's Downside

- **MORE RELATIONSHIPS BUT LESS INTIMACY**
- **MORE FREEDOM BUT FEWER BOUNDARIES**
- **MORE SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT BUT LESS SOCIAL GRACE**
- **MORE EXPERIENCE OF THE VIRTUAL WORLD BUT LESS EXPERIENCE OF REAL LIFE**

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**God created us for community. Connecting in community is never accidental. It is consistently efforted, strategically planned and carefully nurtured.**

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# Friendship 101

*“The best vitamin for making friends: B-1!”*

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# Biblical Connectivity

## 1. I MUST BE COMMITTED AND CONSISTENT

*“A man of many companions may come to ruin,  
but there is a friend who sticks closer than a  
brother.”*

Proverbs 18:24

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# Biblical Connectivity

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

Proverbs 17:17

*“Better a nearby friend than a distant family.”*

Proverbs 27:10 (The Message)

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# Biblical Connectivity

## 2. I MUST BE CONSIDERATE AND CONFIDENTIAL.

*“He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.”*

Proverbs 17:9

*“Love forgets mistakes, nagging about them parts the best of friends.”*

Living Bible

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# Biblical Connectivity

*“A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret.”*

Proverbs 11:13

*“Gossip separates close friends.”*

Proverbs 16:28

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## 3. I MUST BE COURAGEOUS AND CANDID.

*“Better is open rebuke, than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted.”*

Proverbs 27:5-6

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# Biblical Connectivity

*“An honest answer is the sign of a true friendship!”*

Proverbs 24:26 (Today's English Version)

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# Constructive Confrontation

- **Never rebuke a friend until you have proven that you are open to their rebuke.**
- **Compliment in public, correct in private.**
- **Correct when they are up, not when they are down.**

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# Constructive Confrontation

*“The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry, and a wise friend’s timely reprimand is like a gold ring slipped on your finger.”*

Proverbs 25:11-12 (Message)

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# Constructive Confrontation

*“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”*

Proverbs 27:17

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# Building Connectivity

- **Plug into a relational community this fall at PCC.**
- **Become a connector.**

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# Become A Connector

- Have a heart for people
- Open your home
- Serve a snack
- Turn on a TV/DVD player

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# Building Connectivity

- **Tone down your Facebook and turn up your face time.**

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