

Friend Filters: Choose Friends Wisely
The Way of Wisdom: Living in God's World
Proverbs 13:20; 27:17 | Pastor Brandt Overman
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3. 3) Apply the Word: What is the Holy Spirit telling you to do/stop/change in order to obey God's Word this week?
4. 4) Pray the Word: How can others pray for you – especially when it comes to obeying God's Word this week?

Reflection Questions

1. What does “walking with the wise” look like practically in today's world
2. What specific step can I take to spend more time with someone who is wise and godly?
3. How can I intentionally pursue friendships that help me grow in wisdom and faith?
4. How do these verses (Proverbs 13:20 and 27:17) relate to your real-life friendships right now?
5. What boundaries do I need to create around relationships that pull me away from God?

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